

THE SADAT ASSASSINATION

A sourcebook for researchers

**U.S. State Department files on the 1981
assassination of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat**

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On Oct. 6, 1981, a conspiracy of terrorists from Egyptian Islamic Jihad, Takfir Wal Hijra, the Muslim Brotherhood and the Islamic Group assassinated Anwar Sadat during a military parade. The event rocked the Arab world and imperiled the Middle East peace process -- which Sadat had advanced immeasurably by opening talks with Israel.

Along with the Siege at Mecca (also covered in an Intelwire Sourcebook Series), the Sadat assassination is one of the seminal moments leading to our current conflict. It was an opening salvo in what we now understand to be the War on Terror.

These documents cover approximately the first 30 days after Sadat's murder. Subsequent editions will examine the trial of his assassins and related issues. All documents were obtained through the Freedom of Information Act.

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2. SUMMARY. EGYPTIAN VICE PRESIDENT HUSNI MUBARAK CONFIRMED THE DEATH OF PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT IN A SHORT NATION-WIDE ADDRESS EVENING OF OCTOBER 6. MUBARAK ANNOUNCED THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 1971 CONSTITUTION, PEOPLES ASSEMBLY SPEAKER, DR. SUFI ABU TALIB, IS NOW EGYPT'S INTERIM PRESIDENT. FOLLOWING MUBARAK'S STATEMENT, CAIRO TV AND RADIO BROADCAST FOUR DECREES ISSUED BY INTERIM PRESIDENT ABU TALIB ANNOUNCING: (A) DESIGNATION OF MUBARAK AS VP AND SUPREME COMMANDER OF THE ARMED FORCES; (B) RETENTION OF THE EXISTING EGYPTIAN CABINET; (C) DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY; AND (D) CALLING THE PEOPLES ASSEMBLY INTO EXTRAORDINARY SESSION ON OCTOBER 7 TO DECLARE FORMALLY POSITION OF PRESIDENT

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VACANT AND UNDERTAKE ITS CONSTITUTIONAL DUTY TO NOMINATE SUCCESSOR. FOREIGN MINISTER ALI HAS INFORMED AMBASSADOR THAT RULING NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY HAS CHOSEN MUBARAK AS ITS CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT, THAT MUBARAK WILL BE

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NOMINATED AT THE PEOPLES ASSEMBLY SESSION OCTOBER 7, AND THAT A NATIONAL PLEBISCITE APPROVING HIM AS PRESIDENT WILL BE HELD MONDAY, OCTOBER 12. ALI ALSO TOLD AMBASSADOR GOE CONVINCED ATTACK ON SADAT WAS AN ASSASSINATION AND NOT REPEAT NOT A COUP ATTEMPT PERPETRATED BY MEMBERS OF THE RADICAL "AL-TAKFIR WA AL-HIJRA" ISLAMIC SOCIETY. WE UNDERSTAND THERE IS CONCERN, HOWEVER, THAT OTHER ARMED MEMBERS OF THIS GROUP REMAIN AT LARGE IN CAIRO. END SUMMARY.

3. THE STREETS OF CAIRO BEGAN QUIETLY TO EMPTY LATE THIS AFTERNOON AS THE NEWS OF THE ATTACK ON PRESIDENT SADAT AT THE OCTOBER 6 MILITARY PARADE BEGAN TO FILTER THROUGHOUT THIS VAST CAPITAL. THERE IS NO OUTWARD EVIDENCE OF TENSION OR DISTURBED CONDITIONS IN THE CITY; EXTRA GUARDS ARE IN PLACE AT SOME INSTALLATIONS BUT THEIR PRESENCE IS NOT OVERLY NOTICEABLE. ALTHOUGH NO SPECIFIC ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE, THE TONE AND CONTENT OF THE QUR'ANIC READINGS WHICH LED UP TO VP MUBARAK'S 8:00 P.M. LOCAL NATION-WIDE TV AND RADIO STATEMENT MADE IT CLEAR TO ONE AND ALL THAT A GREAT TRAGEDY HAD BEFALLEN EGYPT: MUHAMMAD ANWAR AL-SADAT WAS DEAD. IN HIS SHORT REMARKS(FEIS NCO61819), MUBARAK MADE NO REFERENCE TO THE ACTUAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF SADAT'S DEATH: CALLING HIM A GREAT MARTYR, HE SPECIFIED THE LATE PRESIDENT'S NUMEROUS ACHIEVEMENTS AND REAFFIRMED EGYPT'S COMMITMENT TO SADAT'S FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC POLICIES, INCLUDING HIS PURSUIT OF MIDEAST PEACE. IN ADDITION, HE REITERATED THAT THE SUCCESSION WOULD BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 1971

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CONSTITUTION AND, IN THIS REGARD, SAID THAT PEOPLES ASSEMBLY SPEAKER, DR. SUFI ABU TALIB, WAS NOW EGYPT'S INTERIM PRESIDENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 84 OF THAT DOCUMENT.

4. FOLLOWING MUBARAK'S ANNOUNCEMENT, A COMMENTATOR FROM EGYPTIAN RADIO AND TV ANNOUNCED THAT INTERIM PRESIDENT ABU TALIB HAD ISSUED THE FOLLOWING DECREES:

-- ONE: APPOINTED HUSNI MUBARAK VP AND NAMED HIM SUPREME COMMANDER OF THE ARMED FORCES. (NOTE: THIS IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 139 OF THE CONSTITUTION PERMITTING THE PRESIDENT TO APPOINT ONE OR MORE VICE PRESIDENTS AND TO DETERMINE HIS OR THEIR DUTIES.END FYI.)

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-- TWO: REQUESTED THE CURRENT CABINET TO REMAIN IN OFFICE;

-- THREE: DECLARED A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN EFFECT FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 6, 1981. (FYI: THIS IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 74 OF THE CONSTITUTION AND LAW 112/1958 RELATING THE DECLARATION OF MARTIAL LAW OR A STATE OF EMERGENCY. SEE 80 CAIRO 11053. END FYI.)

-- FOUR: CALLED FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE PEOPLES ASSEMBLY TO BE HELD AT 10:00 A.M. LOCAL ON WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 7 FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

(A) TO DECLARE THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT VACANT (REQUIRED UNDER ARTICLE 84); (B) TO CARRY OUT ITS CONSTITUTIONAL DUTY TO NOMINATE A NEW PRESIDENT; AND (C) TO ELECT TWO NEW DEPUTIES TO THE SPEAKER OF THE PEOPLES ASSEMBLY.

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5. SHORTLY BEFORE MUBARAK'S ADDRESS, AMBASSADOR CALLED DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER, KAMAL HASAN ALI (ALI, LIKE THE REST OF THE CABINET, HAD BEEN PRESENT AT THE PARADE BUT HE HAD ESCAPED UNHARMED.) ALI INFORMED THE AMBASSADOR THAT PRESIDENT SADAT WAS DEAD AND THAT A STATE FUNERAL WAS PLANNED FOR

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10. HE SAID GOE CONSIDERED THIS TO HAVE BEEN AN ASSASSINATION AND NOT REPEAT NOT AN ATTEMPTED COUP D'ETAT. THE LEADER OF THE ASSASSINATION TEAM WAS A MEMBER OF THE RADICAL "AL-TAKFIR WA AL'HIJRA" GROUP WHOSE BROTHER WAS ONE OF THE "TAKFIR WA HIJRA" LEADERS ARRESTED BY GOE DURING THE SEPTEMBER ROUND-UP. ALI SAID ONE OFFICER AND THREE SOLDIERS WERE INVOLVED IN THIS ATTACK, ALTHOUGH THERE WERE INDICATIONS THEY WERE MERELY POSING AS MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES. (COMMENT: THIS INFORMATION CONFLICTS SOMEWHAT WITH THAT PROVIDED AMBASSADOR EARLIER BY MINDEF ABU GHAZALA. LATTER TOLD AMBASSADOR TWO OFFICERS AND FOUR SOLDIERS (ALL FROM THE ARTILLARY CORPS) WERE INVOLVED IN THE ATTACK. ONE MAJOR AND TWO SOLDIERS WERE KILLED, WHILE A LIEUTENANT AND TWO SOLDIERS WERE CAPTURED. END COMMENT.)

6. REGARDING GOE'S IMMEDIATE PLANS, ALI TOLD AMBASSADOR
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THE LEADERSHIP OF THE RULING NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (NDP) (APPARENTLY THE POLITBURO; SEE CAIRO 23458 FOR LIST OF MEMBERS ELECTED SEPTEMBER 30) HAD MET AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER 6 AND PROPOSED MUBARAK AS PRESIDENT. NOMINATION WILL BE SUBMITTED TO PEOPLES ASSEMBLY FOR ITS APPROVAL AT ITS EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OCTOBER 7. ALI ADDED THAT A NATIONAL REFERENDUM TO APPROVE MUBARAK'S SUCCESSION WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 12. (NOTE: THIS IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 76 OF THE CONSTITUTION; THUS FAR, NO PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT HAS BEEN MADE.)

7. COMMENT. ALTHOUGH BOTH ALI AND ABU GHAZALA WERE FIRM IN THEIR BELIEF THAT THE PARADE ATTACK WAS DIRECTED ONLY AT PRESIDENT SADAT PERSONALLY (AND AT OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT IN THE LINE OF FIRE) AND WAS NOT A COUP ATTEMPT PER SE, SOME CONCERN HAS BEEN EXPRESSED THAT OTHER ARMED MEMBERS OF THE "TAKFIR WA HIJRA" GROUP MIGHT BE AT LARGE IN CAIRO AND COULD ATTEMPT FURTHER DISRUPTIVE ACTS. IT WAS THE "TAKFIR WA HIJRA" GROUP WHICH KIDNAPPED AND MURDERED A PROMINENT FORMER MINISTER IN JULY 1977. GOE AT THE TIME WAS SURPRISED AT THE SIZE OF THIS FANATICAL ORGANIZATION (OVER 4000 MEMBERS), AND SOME 469 OF ITS PROMINENT MEMBERS WERE DETAINED IN THE CRACKDOWN ON THE REGIME'S RELIGIOUS AND SECULAR OPPONENTS EARLY LAST MONTH.

8. EMBASSY HAS ACTIVATED ITS WARDEN SYSTEM AND IS CAUTIONING MISSION EMPLOYEES AND AMERICAN CITIZENS GENERALLY

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TO REMAIN CALM AND KEEP A LOW PROFILE (SEPTTEL). A 24-HOUR
TELEPHONE INFORMATION SERVICE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AT THE
CHANCERY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS MISSION EMPLOYEES OR
AMERICAN CITIZENS MIGHT HAVE.

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9. WE WILL BE SENDING IN OUR PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT OF
THE IMPLICATIONS OF SADAT'S DEATH TOMORROW, OCTOBER 7.
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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT ON SADAT'S PASSING
1. THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT WAS MADE BY THE PRESIDENT
AT 2:25 EDT. BEGIN TEXT.

TODAY THE PEOPLE OF THE U.S. JOIN WITH THE PEOPLE OF EGYPT
AND ALL THOSE WHO LONG FOR A BETTER WORLD IN MOURNING THE
DEATH OF ANWAR SADAT.

PRESIDENT SADAT WAS A COURAGEOUS MAN WHOSE VISION AND
WISDOM BROUGHT NATIONS AND PEOPLE TOGETHER. IN A WORLD
FILLED WITH HATRED, HE WAS A MAN OF HOPE. IN A WORLD
TRAPPED IN THE ANIMOSITIES OF THE PAST, HE WAS A MAN OF
FORESIGHT -- A MAN WHO SOUGHT TO IMPROVE A WORLD TORMENTED
BY MALICE AND PETTINESS.

AS AN EGYPTIAN PATRIOT, HE HELPED CREATE THE REVOLUTIONARY
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MOVEMENT THAT FREED HIS NATION. AS A POLITICAL LEADER HE
SOUGHT TO FREE HIS PEOPLE FROM HATRED AND WAR.

AS A SOLDIER HE WAS UNAFRAID TO FIGHT, BUT -- MOST

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IMPORTANT -- HE WAS A HUMANITARIAN UNAFRAID TO MAKE PEACE.

HIS COURAGE AND SKILL REAPED A HARVEST OF LIFE FOR HIS
NATION AND FOR THE WORLD.

ANWAR SADAT WAS ADMIRERD AND LOVED BY THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA.
HIS DEATH TODAY, AN ACT OF INFAMY, FILLS US WITH HORROR.

AMERICA HAS LOST A CLOSE FRIEND -- THE WORLD HAS LOST A
GREAT STATESMAN, AND MANKIND HAS LOST A CHAMPION OF PEACE.

AND NANCY AND I FEEL WE HAVE LOST A DEAR FRIEND. END
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- SADAT'S LIFE

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ARRIVED HERE OF THE ATTEMPT ON ANWAR SADAT'S LIFE,
PRIME MINISTER BEGIN'S PRESS ADVISOR URI PORAT SAID
THAT ISRAEL WAS "TOTALLY STUNNED" AND THAT ISRAEL
WAS STILL TRYING TO FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED.

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AT THIS HOUR, NEWS REPORTS FROM CAIRO ARE STILL
CONFUSED AND MOST ISRAELIS ARE ANXIOUSLY
LISTENING TO RADIO BROADCASTS.

3. WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH MFA DEPUTY
DIRECTOR GENERAL HANAN BAR-ON WHO SAID ISRAELI
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED NOT
TO REACT TO THE ATTEMPT ON SADAT'S LIFE UNTIL
THE SITUATION IS CLARIFIED.

4. ALREADY THE NATIONALISTIC TEHIYA POLITICAL
MOVEMENT HAS DEMANDED THAT THE FINAL ISRAELI
WITHDRAWAL FROM SINAI BE POSTPONED. HOWEVER,
OTHER POLITICAL LEADERS HAVE STILL NOT REACTED
TO THE TRAGIC NEWS. LEWIS

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SUBJECT: FIJI'S CONTINUED SUPPORT IOR MFO

1. THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT APPEARED IN 8 OCT. EDITION OF
"FIJI TIMES" IN WAKE OF ASSASSINATION OF EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT
SADAT:

QUOTE FIJI'S COMMITMENT TO SEND TROOPS FOR THE MULTINATIONAL
PEACEKEEPING FORCE TO SUPERVISE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM THE
SINAI STANDS DESPITE THE ASSASSINATION OF EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT
ANWAR SADAT. BUT THE SITUATION WILL BE REVIEWED WITHIN THE
NEXT SEVEN MONTHS, THE PRIME MINISTER, RATU SIR KAMISES MARA,
SAID IN MELBOURNE YESTERDAY. RATU SIR KAMISESE, WHO IS
ATTENDING THE COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING IN
MELBOURNE, SAID IT WAS A MATTER FOR THE PEOPLE FINANCING THE
FORCE TO DECIDE. END QUOTE

2. LATER IN THE SAME ARTICLE:

QUOTE IN SUVA YESTERDAY, THE COMMANDER OF THE ROYAL
FIJI MILITARY FORCES, BRIGADIER IAN THORPE, SAID:
' WE ARE CONTINUING OUR PREPARATION FOR THE TRIP AND IF
ANY CHANGES ARE TO BE MADE, THEY WILL COME FROM THE
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS.' MATTERS SURROUNDING THE
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INVOLVEMENT OF THE FIJI TROOPS IN THE SINAI WERE ALSO
DISCUSSED IN SUVA YESTERDAY BY THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER,
RATU SIR PENALA GANILAU, BRIGADIER THORPE, THE MINISTER
OF HOME AFFAIRS RATU WILLIAM TOGANIVALU, AND THE SECRETARY

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OF HOLE AFFAIRS, COLONEL MOSESE BUADROMO. END QUOTE

3. COMMENT: PREPARATIONS FOR MFO DEPLOYMENT CONTINUE IN
SPITE OF RECENT EVENTS IN EGYPT, BUT FIJI IS WATCHING THE
SITUATION CLOSELY.

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2. CONSULTATION WITH APPROPRIATE LOCAL SECURITY
OFFICIALS INDICATES THAT NO THREAT TO AMERICAN PERSONNEL
OR PROPERTY IS CURRENTLY PERCEIVED BY THE HOST GOVERNMENT
ATTENDANT TO THE ASSASSINATION OF ANWAR SADAT.

3. IN LIGHT OF THIS ASSESSMENT, NO ADDITIONAL SECURITY
MEASURES ARE BEING CONTEMPLATED BY ISRAELI AUTHORITIES
EMBASSY TEL AVIV OR CONSULATE JERUSALEM AT THIS TIME.
HOST OFFICIALS HAVE ASSURED POST OF IMMEDIATE NOTIFICA-
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1. E G Y P T : T H E S A D A T A S S A S S I N A T I O N
EGYPTIAN VICE PRESIDENT MUBARAK ANNOUNCED OVER NATIONWIDE
TELEVISION AT ABOUT 2:00 P.M. EDT OCTOBER 6 THAT SADAT

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HAD DIED AS THE RESULT OF AN ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT EARLIER THAT DAY. MUBARAK ALSO DECLARED THAT A STATE OF MARTIAL LAW WOULD BE IN EFFECT FOR ONE YEAR AND THAT THE CABINET WOULD REMAIN UNCHANGED. HE ADDED

THAT IN KEEPING WITH THE CONSTITUTION, SUFI ABU TALIB, PRESIDENT OF THE PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY, WOULD ACT AS PRESIDENT FOR A TWO-MONTH PERIOD UNTIL THE ASSEMBLY CAN NOMINATE A SUCCESSOR TO SADAT. THE NAME OF THE CANDIDATE THEN WILL BE SUBMITTED TO POPULAR REFERENDUM. THE PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY IS SCHEDULED TO MEET ON OCTOBER 7 TO BEGIN THE ELECTION PROCESS. ACCORDING TO A DECREE ISSUED BY THE INTERIM PRESIDENT, MUBARAK WAS AUTHORIZED TO DISCHARGE THE DUTIES OF SUPREME COMMANDER OF THE ARMED FORCES.

2. THE ASSASSINATION OF SADAT OCCURRED AT 7:00 A.M. EDT AS THE PRESIDENT WAS REVIEWING A MILITARY PARADE COMMEMORATING THE EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1973 WAR. DURING THE PROCESSION, EGYPTIANS IN MILITARY UNIFORM JUMPED FROM A TRUCK TOWING AN ARTILLERY PIECE, THREW HAND GRENADES, AND FIRED AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AT THE

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REVIEWING STAND. SADAT WAS APPARENTLY HIT BY AT LEAST TWO BULLETS. SEVERAL OTHER EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS WERE REPORTEDLY KILLED OR WOUNDED IN THE ATTACK, INCLUDING MINISTER OF DEFENSE ABU GHAZALA (SLIGHTLY INJURED); SADAT'S PRESIDENTIAL SECRETARY (KILLED); AND SAYED MAREI, A CLOSE AIDE OF SADAT (WOUNDED). FOREIGN DIGNITARIES, INCLUDING THE BELGIAN AMBASSADOR, THREE U.S. MILITARY OFFICERS, AND ANOTHER AMERICAN WERE ALSO WOUNDED.

3. WE HAVE NO HARD INFORMATION ON THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ASSASSINATION AND WE HAVE NOT SEEN SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO LINK THE ASSASSINATION TO A WIDER COUP PLOT. NONETHELESS, THE ATTACK WAS PROBABLY A CO-

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ORDINATED EFFORT, POSSIBLY BY EGYPTIAN MILITARY PERSONNEL WITH TIES TO ISLAMIC FUNDAMENTALIST GROUPS. THE MOST MILITANT SUCH GROUP

KNOWN IS THE JAMAT AL-TAKFIR WAL-HIJRA (SOCIETY FOR ATONEMENT AND REPENTANCE), WHICH MURDERED A FORMER CABINET MEMBER IN 1977.

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

4. (U) L I B Y A N R E A C T I O N : LIBYAN RADIO KEPT UP A STREAM OF INFLAMMATORY REPORTS ON THE INTERNAL SITUATION IN EGYPT SINCE THE NEWS OF THE ASSASSINATION OF SADAT FIRST BROKE. THE LIBYANS HAVE JUBILANTLY REPORTED THAT THE EGYPTIAN REGIME HAS COLLAPSED, THAT "MILLIONS OF THE SONS OF EGYPT" ARE MARCHING IN THE
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STREETS, AND THAT SADAT'S "UGLY FACE" OF "SHAME AND TREASON" HAS DISAPPEARED. LIBYAN RADIO HAS WARNED SADAT'S SUCCESSORS THEY WOULD FACE THE SAME FATE IF THEY FOLLOW HIS POLICIES AND EXHORTED EGYPTIANS TO "LIVE UP TO THE RESPONSIBILITIES THEY HAVE ASSUMED" AND MARCH ON THE RADIO STATION AND HOSPITAL WHERE SADAT'S BODY LIES. THE LIBYANS HAVE ALSO REPORTED THAT EXILED GENERAL SA'AD SHAZLI WILL SHORTLY MAKE AN IMPORTANT BROADCAST TO THE EGYPTIAN PEOPLE. IN ADDITION, LIBYAN RADIO HAS WARNED NIMEIRI THAT HE MAY FACE SADAT'S FATE.

5. (U) P A L E S T I N I A N R E A C T I O N : REUTER REPORTS THAT PALESTINIAN AND LEFTIST LEBANESE MILITIAS FIRED GUNS IN THE AIR AND THAT MOTORISTS HONKED HORNS IN PALESTINIAN NEIGHBORHOODS IN BEIRUT REJOICING OVER REPORTS THAT ANWAR SADAT WAS SHOT. THE VOICE OF PALESTINE REPORTED ARAFAT AS SAYING THAT "SADAT'S ASSASSINATION PROVES THAT THE PALESTINIAN CAUSE LIVES IN THE CONSCIENCE OF THE GREAT ARAB EGYPTIAN PEOPLE." PLO SECURITY CHIEF ABU IYAD (SALAH KHALAF) CONGRATULATED SADAT'S ASSASSINS AND SAID "IT WAS INEVITABLE THAT THE RULER OF EGYPT SHOULD RECEIVE HIS DUE." HE PLEDGED TO CONTINUE THIS STRUGGLE UNTIL ALL FICTITIOUS SOLUTIONS AND THEIR SYMBOLS FALL AND UNTIL EGYPT AND SUDAN RETURN TO THE ARAB FOLD TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LIBERATION OF (ARAB) LAND."

6. (U) IN THE ISRAELI OCCUPIED WEST BANK AND GAZA

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STRIP, POLITICALLY MODERATE PALESTINIANS GENERALLY EXPRESSED SHOCK AT SADAT'S DEATH, WHILE KNOWN PLO SUPPORTERS EXPRESSED MUTED SATISFACTION.

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7. (U) SYRIAN REACTION : SYRIAN TELEVISION RELAYED A SPEECH GIVEN AT A UNIVERSITY RALLY COMMEMORATING THE EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OCTOBER 6 WAR IN WHICH THE ANNOUNCER SAID THAT "WHAT INCREASES OUR DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE ALONG THE PATH OF VICTORY AND WHAT INCREASES THE SPLENDOR OF OUR CELEBRATION ON THIS GREAT ANNIVERSARY IS THAT TODAY. . . ARAB SOLDIERS IN ARAB EGYPT . . . MANAGED TO KILL TRAITOR SADAT."

8. (U) IRANIAN REACTION : IRANIAN STATE RADIO HAILED SADAT'S ASSASSINATION AS THE DEATH OF A TRAITOR AND MERCENARY. "ANWAR SADAT, THE MERCENARY DICTATOR OF EGYPT . . . JOINED HIS OLD FRIEND MOHAMMED REZA SHAH." TEHRAN RADIO ADDED THAT "A WAVE OF JOY COVERED ALL EGYPT" WHEN NEWS OF THE ASSASSINATION WAS RELEASED AND THAT THERE WERE POPULAR DEMONSTRATIONS IN CAIRO AND OTHER EGYPTIAN CITIES.

9. (U) IRAQI REACTION : A SPOKESMAN FOR THE REVOLUTION COMMAND COUNCIL RELEASED A STATEMENT THAT "THE DEATH OF TRAITOR SADAT IS AN ELOQUENT HISTORICAL LESSON TO ALL THOSE WHO BETRAY THEIR PEOPLES." THE SPOKESMAN CALLED ON THOSE WHO WILL ASSUME POWER IN EGYPT "TO BENEFIT FROM THIS ELOQUENT LESSON, RELINQUISH SADAT'S TRAITOROUS TREND AND RETURN EGYPT TO THE ARAB RANKS."

10. (U) OTHER ARAB REACTION : RADIO JORDAN REPORTED THE DEATH WITHOUT COMMENT. RIYADH TELEVISION'S STRAIGHT-FORWARD ACCOUNT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN EGYPT INCLUDED A BIOGRAPHIC SKETCH OF THE FALLEN LEADER. OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCIES OF KUWAIT, THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, QATAR AND BAHRAIN REPORTED WITHOUT COMMENT EARLY IN THE DAY THAT SADAT

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HAD BEEN WOUNDED. THE ALGERIAN NEWS AGENCY APS QUOTED LIBYAN RADIO AS PRESENTING THE ASSASSINATION AS PROOF OF AN UPRISING BY THE EGYPTIAN ARMY AIMED AT OVERTHROWING THE GOVERNMENT.

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11. (U) SUDAN CONDEMNED THE ASSASSINATION AND SAID KHARTOUM STOOD WITH THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT AGAINST ALL FORMS OF CONSPIRACY, SABOTAGE AND AGGRESSION. THE OFFICIAL SUDANESE NEWS AGENCY QUOTED THE SUDANESE FIRST VICE PRESIDENT AS SAYING THAT "ATTEMPTS TO CONSPIRE AGAINST KHARTOUM OR CAIRO WILL ONLY MAKE THE TWO COUNTRIES MORE DETERMINED TO CONTINUE THE PATH THEY HAVE CHOSEN."

12. (U) S O V I E T R E A C T I O N : TASS INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN RUSSIAN GAVE FACTUAL REPORTS OF THE ASSASSINATION BUT FOCUSSED ON SECURITY MEASURES TAKEN BY EGYPTIAN AUTHORITIES. MOSCOW'S WORLD SERVICE IN ENGLISH REPORTED THAT THE INDEPENDENT ORGANIZATION FOR THE LIBERATION OF EGYPT CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ASSASSINATION. THE BROADCAST ADDED: "ANALYSTS BELIEVE THE ASSASSINATION IS CONNECTED WITH EGYPTIAN DISCONTENT WITH SADAT'S FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC POLICIES, ESPECIALLY THE PEACE WITH THE ISRAELI AGGRESSOR AND MILITARY COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED STATES."

13. (U) I S R A E L I R E A C T I O N : ISRAELIS WERE STUNNED AT THE NEWS OF THE SADAT ASSASSINATION. PRIME MINISTER BEGIN CALLED THE SHOOTING "A CRIMINAL ASSASSINATION" AND SAID SADAT WAS MURDERED BY THE ENEMIES OF PEACE." HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT "THE PEACE PROCESS, DESPITE THE CRUEL ACT OF HIS ENEMIES, SECRET

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WILL CONTINUE AS WE KNOW PRESIDENT SADAT WOULD HAVE WISHED WITH ALL HIS HEART." FORMER DEFENSE MINISTER EZER WEIZMAN ECHOED THIS SENTIMENT AS DID INTERIOR MINISTER AND AUTONOMY NEGOTIATOR YOSEF BURG. SHIMON PERES SAID HE WAS CONFIDENT THE PEACE PROCESS WOULD GO ON.

14. (U) FORMER ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER YITZHAK RABIN CHARGED THAT THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION'S MIDEAST POLICY HAS "CONTRIBUTED TO THE FALL OF SADAT." "EVER SINCE IT CAME INTO OFFICE, THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION HAS SHOWN CLEAR SIGNS OF DISCONNECTING ITSELF FROM THE CAMP DAVID ACCORDS, OF LACK OF INTEREST IN IMPLEMENTING THE ADDITIONAL STAGES INCLUDED IN THE CAMP

DAVID ACCORDS, LEADING TO SOLUTION OF THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM. THE CENTER OF GRAVITY OF AMERICAN MIDEAST

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POLICY WAS DIVERTED FROM EGYPT TO SAUDI ARABIA,"
HE SAID. HAIG

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ARABIC DAILY PAPER OMAN CARRIED FOLLOWING ARTICLE 7 OCTOBER,
ENTITLED "HIS MAJESTY EXPRESSES CONDOLENCES OVER DEATH OF LATE
PRESIDENT":

BEGIN TEXT: HIS MAJESTY SULTAN QABOOS SENT A TELEGRAM OF CONDOLENCE
IMMEDIATELY AFTER LEARNING OF THE DEATH OF THE LATE PRESIDENT
MOHAMMED ANWAR SADAT TO MR. HOSNI MABARAK, VICE PRESIDENT OF
THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT. IT STATED:

WITH PROFOUND EMOTION WE RECEIVED THE NEWS OF THE GRIEVOUS
ATTACK ON THE LIFE OF OUR FRIEND AND BROTHER PRESIDENT
MOHAMMED ANWAR AL-SAD. WE HAVE NO CHOICE AFTER THIS BLOW
BUT TO PRAY TO GOD AS IS WRITTEN IN HIS BOOK: "THOSE WHO
HAVE BEEN STRUCK BY A CALAMITY, THEY SAY "I AM FROM GOD, AND
I RETURN TO GOD." TO YOU AND HIS FAMILY AND THE BROTHERLY
EGYPTIAN PEOPLE, OUR CONDOLENCES AND SYMPATHY. LIKEWISE, H/M
SENT THE PROTECTION OF GOD IN A SIMILAR TELEGRAM OF CONDOLENCE
TO THE FAMILY OF THE DECEASED, THEIR EXCELLENCIES THE MEMBERS
OF THE EGYPTIAN CABINET, TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE
PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY AND ITS MEMBERS IN THE ARAB
REPUBLIC OF EGYPT. END TEXT.
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1. SUMMARY

-- ASSASSINATION OF SADAT.

END SUMMARY ASSASINATION OF SADAT.

-- ALL MAIN STORIES IN THE JERUSALEM POST AND EAST
JERUSALEM ARABIC-LANGUAGE PAPERS COVERED THE ASSASSINA-
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TION OF EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT (SEPTTEL).

3. ALSO REPORTED:

-- BETHANY RECEIVES NEWS GRANT FROM AMMAN:

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AL QUDS REPORTS THAT HASSAN AL KHATIB, HEAD OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF BETHANY, SAID YESTERDAY AFTER RETURNING FROM A VISIT TO AMMAN THAT THE JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT AUTHORIZED A GRANT OF 62,000 JORDANIAN DINARS (US\$190,000) TO THE VILLAGE COUNCIL FOR VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

-- HIGH COURT WILL HEAR PETITION TO ALLOW JEWS TO PRAY ON TEMPLE MOUNT:

THE ISRAELI-SPONSORED ARABIC-LANGUAGE DAILY AL-ANBA REPORTS THAT THE ISRAELI HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE DECIDED YESTERDAY TO CONSIDER THE PETITION FILED TWO WEEKS AGO BY A TEL AVIV LAWYER REQUESTING THAT JEWS BE ALLOWED TO PRAY ON THE "TEMPLE MOUNT" IN JERUSALEM. GROVE

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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTIONS -- THE MIDDLE EAST

1. SEVERAL NIGERIAN NEWSPAPERS, IN BOLD HEADLINES, CARRIED ON THEIR FRONT PAGES YESTERDAY ASSASSINATION STORY OF EGYPT'S PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT. THE "DAILY TIMES" (LAGOS) OCT. 7, REPORT SAID: "EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT DIED YESTERDAY AFTER SEVEN SOLDIERS OPENED FIRE ON HIM AT A MILITARY PARADE. SEVERAL OTHER EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS WERE ALSO REPORTEDLY KILLED IN THE RAIN OF BULLETS. . . . SADAT HAD BEEN INSPECTING A MILITARY PARADE IN THE ABYSSINIAN PERIPHERY OF CAIRO, IN COMMEMORATION OF THE YOM KIPPUR ARAB-ISRAELI WAR OF 1973, WHEN THE SOLDIERS ATTACKED. . . ."

2. A FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL COMMENTARY IN THE ILORIN-BASED "NIGERIAN HERALD" OCT. 7, "SADAT: A BULLET MAY CHANGE WORLD HISTORY", EXAMINES SOME OF THE ROOT CAUSES FOR THE ASSASSINATION OF EGYPT'S PRESIDENT SADAT. EXCERPTS:
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"POLITICAL ASSASSINATION, FOR WHATEVER MOTIVE AND FROM WHATEVER QUARTERS STAND TO BE ROUNDLY CONDEMNED BY ALL PEACE LOVING AND RATIONAL HUMAN BEINGS. . . . THE ASSASSINATION OF ANWAR SADAT YESTERDAY BY SOME SECTION

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OF THE EGYPTIAN ARMED FORCES HAD A RING OF AN INEVITABILITY (AND POLITICAL OBERVERS INCLUDING ISRAELI INTELLIGENCE HAD BEEN SMELLING IT) CONSIDERING THE CRITICAL TIGHT-ROPE POLITICAL SITUATION THE EGYPTIAN LEADER HAD PLACED HIMSELF.

... ALMOST A YEAR ON THE PRESIDENCY, HE SET OUT TO UNDO WHATEVER HEROIC NASSER DID AT HOME AND ABROAD -

TO THE DANGEROUS APPLAUSE OF THE WESTERN WORLD. EGYPT, A NAME HE REVERTED TO FROM NASSERISTIC UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC ABDICATED HER VANGUARD ROLE IN ARAB NATIONALISM TO A POLICY OF ACCOMMODATION (/) AND PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE (?) WITH ARCH-ENEMY OF THE ARABS - THE ZIONISTS OF ISRAEL. SADAT'S CRIMES" THEN MULTIPLIED AT HOME AND ABROAD: HISTORIC JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM CAMP DAVID ACCORD WITH ARCH-FOE ENEMY IN ISRAEL MILITARY ATTACK ON LIBYA AND OF LATE, CRACKDOWN ON MUSLIM FUNDAMENTALISTS AND CRITICS OF HIS REGIME. BUT ANWAR SADAT WAS NOT WITHOUT HIS VIRTUES: LIBERALISING EGYPTIAN SOCIETY HISTORIC MILITARY ASSAULT ON ISRAEL IN 1973 VOICE OF MODERATION IN MIDDLE EAST.

- IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS, ANWAR SADAT FELL BECAUSE HE WAS SEEN AS AN AGENT OF A FOREIGN POWER - AMERICAN IMPERIALISM - RATHER THAN A TRUE CHAMPION OF HIS COUNTRYMEN AND HIS RACE. NEITHER ISRAEL NOR THEIR PATRON SAINTS IN AMERICA COULD ULTIMATELY GUARANTEE SADAT HIS PRESIDENCY NOR HIS LIFE. WE MOURN THE LOSS OF ANWAR SADAT. WE HOPE OTHER LEADERS IN THE THIRD WORLD WOULD LEAN A USEFUL LESSON FROM THE EXIT OF A MAN WHO DEVOTED HIS LIFE TO HIGH IDEALS THAT TURNED TO AN ILLUSION AND A TRAGIC END. A BULLET WAS FIRED YESTERDAY AT ABASSIYA. IT GOT SADAT OUT OF EXISTENCE. BUT IT UNCLASSIFIED

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BROUGHT THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE REST OF THE WORLD TO A STANDSTIL - WAITING FOR THE BEST OR THE WORST."

3. AN INSIDE PAGE COMMENTARY BY AN ANONYMOUS STAFF CORRESPONDENT OF THE "PUNCH" (LAGOS), OCT. 7 "ANWA SADAT, THE NOBEL PEACE HERO", DISCUSSES THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT SADAT OF EGYPT. HE SAYS: "THE LATE PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT OF EGYPT WHO WAS SHOT IN CAIRO YESTERDAY HAD ACQUIRED A REPUTATION, ESPECIALLY IN WESTERN CIRCLES, AS A TRUE STATESMAN. HIS TEN-YEAR RULE WAS CROWNED BY THE APPROACHMENT BETWEEN HIS COUNTRY AND ISRAEL, A FEAT WHICH EARNED HIM THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE IN 1978. HOWEVER DURING THE PAST FOUR WEEKS, THE GROWING OPPOSITION TO HIS RULE, FUELLED BY EGYPT'S ISOLATION BY ALL OTHER ARAB STATES OVER THE COUNTRY OVER THE COUNTRY'S CAMP DAVID ACCORD

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WITH ISRAEL, LED MR. SADAT TO ORDER A HEAVY CLAMPDOWN ON ALL DISSIDENTS. THREE WEEKS AGO, THE SECURITY FORCES ARRESTED AND DETAINED OVER 1,500 DISSIDENTS, INCLUDING MOSLEM AND CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS LEADERS, ON THE ORDERS OF MR. SADAT. THESE ARRESTS WERE THE IMMEDIATE CAUSE OF YESTERDAY'S ASSASSINATION. FEW HEADS OF STATE HAVE HAD A MORE DIFFICULT INHERITANCE THAN MR. SADAT. . . ."BELL

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1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A STATEMENT ISSUED BY DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN FISCHER IN THE SECRETARY'S NAME AT APPROXIMATELY 7:00 P.M. WASHINGTON TIME OCTOBER 6.

2. BEGIN TEXT.

THE DEATH OF PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT OF EGYPT GRIEVES ME DEEPLY, AS IT DOES ALL AMERICANS. HIS ASSASSINATION CLOSES A UNIQUE CAREER, MARKED BY A BLEND OF COURAGE AND VISION. AT THIS TRAGIC MOMENT, LET US REMEMBER THE PRINCIPLES FOR WHICH HE GAVE HIS LIFE.

ANWAR SADAT'S VISION WAS ROOTED IN A PROFOUND SENSE OF REALITY. HE SAW THAT THE SECURITY AND PROGRESS OF BOTH EGYPT AND THE MIDDLE EAST DEPEND ON PEACE. HE BELIEVED THAT IT WAS POSSIBLE, IN THE CONTEXT OF PEACE, TO ADD A NEW AND CONSTRUCTIVE CHAPTER TO EGYPT'S LONG HISTORY AND
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CIVILIZATION.

IT WAS THIS SENSE OF CIVILIZATION THAT GUIDED HIS HISTORIC VISIT TO JERUSALEM AND THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE

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CAMP DAVID ACCORDS. THE QUEST FOR A COMPREHENSIVE PEACE,
ALONG WITH THE MODERNIZATION OF EGYPT, BECAME THE CORNER
STONES OF HIS POLICY. HIS TENACIOUS PURSUIT OF PEACE,
SO MUCH IN THE INTEREST OF EGYPT AND THE ENTIRE AREA,
WON HIM THE SUPPORT AND ADMIRATION OF MUCH OF THE WORLD.
ANWAR SADAT STOOD FOR CREATIVE, DYNAMIC PEACEFUL CHANGE.
HIS ACTIONS WERE DEDICATED TO A WORLD IN WHICH NATIONS
COULD SETTLE THEIR DISPUTES WITHOUT WAR.

DURING THIS DIFFICULT TRANSITION PERIOD, THE UNITED
STATES WILL STAND FIRMLY BY EGYPT. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT
THE EGYPTIAN PEOPLE AND THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESS WILL
PREVAIL. BUT THIS TERRIBLE EVENT MUST NOT DISRUPT THE
PROMISE OF ANWAR SADAT'S HISTORIC ACHIEVEMENTS. THE
BEST MONUMENT TO HIS MEMORY WILL BE THE COMPLETION OF HIS
NOBLE WORK. LET US DEDICATE OURSELVES ANEW TO THE TASK
OF PEACE. END TEXT. HAIG

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TAGS: PINS, SOFN, XF, EG, LE
SUBJECT: BEIRUT'S REACTION TO SADAT'S ASSASSINATION

1. (U) SUMMARY: A NUMBER OF GROUPS, ALL PREVIOUSLY UNHEARD OF, HAVE PHONED BEIRUT PAPERS AND NEWS AGENCIES TO CLAIM RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ASSASSINATION OF EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT. ONE, THE FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF ARAB EGYPT, CLAIMS TO BE HEADED BY FORMER EGYPTIAN CHIEF OF STAFF SA'D AD-DIN ASH-SHADLI. WITHOUT EXCEPTION, MUSLIM/LEFTIST GROUPS APPLAUDED SADAT'S DEATH AS THAT OF A TRAITOR, WHILE CHRISTIAN/RIGHTIST GROUPS AND LEBANESE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ADOPTED A WAIT-AND-SEE ATTITUDE REGARDING EGYPT'S FUTURE POLICY. MILITIAS IN WEST BEIRUT CELEBRATED SADAT'S DEATH BY FIRING MACHINE GUNS AND RPG'S AND EXPLODING DYNAMITE AND GRENADES. END SUMMARY.

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2. AT LEAST THREE GROUPS IN BEIRUT HAVE CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR SADAT'S ASSASSINATION. BEIRUT DAILY AL-ANWAR REPORTED A MAN USING THE PSEUDONYM ISMAIL HASSAN SHAKIR, WHO CLAIMED HE WAS THE SPOKESMAN FOR THE

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PREVIOUSLY UNHEARD OF FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF ARAB EGYPT (JIBHAT TAHRIR MISR AL-ARABIYYA) SAID THAT IT HAD CARRIED OUT THE ACT. HE SAID THAT HE HAD JUST RETURNED TO BEIRUT FROM CAIRO, WHERE THE ASSASSINATION PLAN HAD BEEN FORMULATED. HE MAINTAINED THE GROUP WAS HEADED BY FORMER EGYPTIAN CHIEF OF STAFF GENERAL SA'D AD-DIN ASH-SHADHLI. AFP WAS CALLED BY THE INDEPENDENT EGYPTIAN LIBERATION ORGANIZATION WHICH ALSO CLAIMS THAT GEN. ASH-SHADHLI IS ITS LEADER. THE EGYPTIAN NATIONAL FRONT - MILITARY GROUP - FREE OFFICERS ALSO CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY AND THE FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF LEBANON FROM FOREIGNERS TOLD UPI THAT THE INDEPENDENT EGYPTIAN LIBERATION ORGANIZATION WAS ONE OF ITS BRANCHES AND HAD ASSASSINATED SADAT AS AN ATTEMPT TO EXPAND ITS OPERATIONS TO STRIKE AT ALL THOSE WHO OPPRESS THE LEBANESE PEOPLE AND THE COPTS. (THE FLLF HAS CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR MOST OF THE BOMB ATTACKS IN LEBANON OVER THE LAST FEW WEEKS.) THE INDEPENDENT EGYPTIAN LIBERATION ORGANIZATION LATER DENIED THIS ALLEGATION.

3. (U) AN-NAHAR ALSO REPORTED THAT IT WAS CONTACTED BY A NUMBER OF UNKNOWN ORGANIZATIONS CLAIMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR SADAT'S ASSASSINATION. THESE INCLUDED: THE NASSERIST FEDERATION FOR THE EGYPTIAN YOUTH; THE REJECTION FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF ARAB EGYPT (POSSIBLY THE SAME AS THE FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF EGYPT); THE LIBERAL OFFICERS OF THE FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF ARAB EGYPT; THE SECRET LIBERAL OFFICERS WITHIN THE EGYPTIAN ARMED

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FORCES AND THE ORGANIZATION OF THE SWORD IS ISLAM AFFILIATED WITH THE ARAB REVOLUTION.

4. (U) BEIRUT PRESS DEVOTED EXTENSIVE COVERAGE TO NEWS OF SADAT'S ASSASSINATION AND CARRIED COMMENTS OF ALL MAJOR GROUPS AND PERSONALITIES IN LEBANON. COMMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- A. PLO. YASIR ARAFAT SAID SADAT'S ASSASSINATION PROVES THAT THE EGYPTIAN PEOPLE HAD NOT FORGOTTEN THE PALESTINIAN CAUSE AND HAD NOT FORGIVEN SADAT FOR HAVING ABUSED JERUSALEM, SOLD THE PALESTINIANS AND SIGNED THE TRAITOROUS CONSPIRACY OF CAMP DAVID. FAROUK KADDOUMI, CHIEF OF THE PLO'S POLITICAL DEPARTMENT, SAID YANKEE IMPERIALISM HAD LOST ANOTHER SHAH.
- B. NATIONAL MOVEMENT. THE EGYPTIAN ARMY HAS FREED THE

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PEOPLE FROM AN ERA OF RECONCILIATION WITH THE ZIONIST
ENEMY AND ALLEGIANCE TO AMERICAN IMPERIALISM. IT
NOTED THAT THE NM HAD FOUGHT SADAT'S AGENTS OF ISRAEL

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(I.E. THE PHALANGE) IN LEBANON TO END THE FASCIST, ZIONIST,

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ISOLATIONIST PLOT OF THE U.S. SOME INDIVIDUAL NM GROUPS ALSO HAD COMMENTS:

-- AL MURABITUN. IBRAHIM KOLEILAT DECLARED SADAT'S DEATH WAS AN EXECUTION BY THE ARMY OF GAMAL ABDUL-NASSER. IT IS THE FIRST STEP IN BREAKING THE YOKE OF SHAME IMPOSED BY SADAT.

-- COMMUNIST ACTION ORGANIZATION. MUHSIN IBRAHIM CONGRATULATED THE "ARM OF VENGEANCE" THAT LIQUIDATED SADAT.

C. PHALANGE. PIERRE GEMAYEL SAID THAT ALTHOUGH IT WAS NOT FOR HIM TO JUDGE SADAT'S POLICY, SADAT ACTED IN WHAT HE THOUGHT WAS THE BENEFIT OF HIS NATION. RIGHT OR WRONG, HE WAS A COURAGEOUS MAN.

D. NATIONAL LIBERAL PARTY. ALTHOUGH CAILIE CHAMOUN WASN'T SURE IF SADAT'S ASSASSINATION WAS DUE TO A POPULAR EGYPTIAN MOVEMENT OR A SMALL DISGRUNTLED GROUP, HE THOUGHT HOSNI MUBARAK'S ELECTION AS PRESIDENT WOULD
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ASSURE THE CONTINUATION OF SADAT'S POLICIES.

E. GOVERNMENT OF LEBANON. BECAUSE LEBANON BROKE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH EGYPT IN 1978, L'ORIENT-LE JOUR REPORTED THAT MOST OFFICIALS THOUGHT THAT ANY COMMENT ON THEIR PART WAS UNSEEMLY. WHILE ADOPTING A WAIT-AND-SEE ATTITUDE TOWARDS FUTURE EGYPTIAN POLICY, MOST ALSO POINTED OUT LEBANON'S VULNERABILITY TO REPERCUSSIONS FROM EVENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. PRIME MINISTER SHAFIQ AL-WAZZAN STATED THAT CAMP DAVID, WHICH ENGENDERED A SERIES OF DIVISIONS IN THE ARAB WORLD THAT PERMITTED ISRAEL TO CONTINUE ITS AGGRESSIONS IN LEBANON, HAD KILLED SADAT.

5. (U) EDITORIALS IN BEIRUT PRESS WERE FAIRLY UNIFORM AND DEALT WITH TWO POINTS: THE INEVITABILITY OF SADAT'S ASSASSINATION, AND EGYPT'S FUTURE POLICIES, ESPECIALLY THAT CONCERNING THE CAMP DAVID PEACE PROCESS.

6. (U) PALESTINIAN/LEBANESE LEFTIST MILITIA GROUPS IN WEST BEIRUT BEGAN CELEBRATING AS SOON AS NEWS OF SADAT'S SHOOTING WAS REPORTED HERE BY FIRING MACHINE GUNS AND RPG'S AND EXPLODING STICKS OF DYNAMITE AND GRENADES. TWELVE PEOPLE WERE APPARENTLY WOUNDED BY RANDOM MACHINE GUN FIRE, NONE SERIOUSLY. THE NATIONAL MOVEMENT ORGANIZED A MARCH IN WEST BEIRUT FOR TODAY, OCTOBER 7. MILITIA GROUPS IN THE EMBASSY AREA FORMED IMPROMPTU CONVOYS TO JOIN THE PARADE.

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7. (C) COMMENT: BEIRUT HARBORS A NUMBER OF EGYPTIAN
DISSIDENT GROUPS, SUCH AS THE EGYPTIAN NATIONAL FRONT,
THE EGYPTIAN COMMUNIST PARTY AND THE
FORCES OF EGYPTIAN ARABISM, AS WELL AS OTHERS
LIKE THOSE LISTED ABOVE WHOSE EXISTENCE IS MORE
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DUBIOUS. WHILE THE REJOICING AMONG LEFTISTS IS
GENERAL, IT MAY BE SIGNIFICANT THAT NO RECOGNIZED
ORGANIZATIONS PUT IN CLAIMS FOR RESPONSIBILITY.
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SUBJECT: MOURNING PERIOD OF ANWAR SADAT

1. (U) CENTRAL COMMITTEE ORGAN GRANMA OCT 7 ANNOUNCES THAT IN KEEPING WITH NORMS OF PROTOCOL AND EXISTENCE OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN CUBA AND EGYPT, CUBAN COUNCIL OF STATE HAS DECREED THREE DAYS OF MOURNING AT DEATH PRESIDENT SADAT. MOURNING PERIOD BEGINS OCT 7.
2. (LOU) SO FAR THERE NO OTHER OFFICIAL CUBAN REACTION TO ASSASSINATION PRESIDENT SADAT. EGYPTIAN CHARGE TELLS US CUBANS HAVE NOT YET EXPRESSED OFFICIAL CONDOLENCES TO HIM BUT HE EXPECTS THEM TO DO SO TODAY WHEN EMBASSY OPENS BOOK OF CONDOLENCES.
3. (U) CUBAN MEDIA HAVE REPORTED FACTS OF ASSASSINATION IN FAIRLY STRAIGHTFORWARD MANNER, BASING THEMSELVES PRINCIPALLY ON WESTERN WIRE SERVICES. IN TREATING SIGNIFICANCE OF ASSASSINATION, HOWEVER, THEY SWITCH TO PRENSA LATINA. GRANMA OCT 7, FOR EXAMPLE, CARRIES PL ITEM FROM BEIRUT WHICH STATES THAT: "US AND ISRAEL HAVE LOST ONE OF THEIR PRINCIPAL ALLIES IN MIDDLE EAST. BUT FROM STANDPOINT OF EGYPTIAN PEOPLE, PROGRESSIVE ARAB FORCES AND IN PARTICULAR

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THE PALESTINE RESISTANCE, A MAN HAS PASSED FROM THE SCENE WHO DID TREMENDOUS HARM TO THE ARAB CAUSE AND WHO CONVERTED HIS GOVERNMENT INTO AN INSTRUMENT OF NORTH AMERICAN STRATEGY."

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4. (U) PL ITEM FROM MONTREAL ENTITLED "CONCERN IN WASHINGTON," STATES THAT: "ACCORDING TO THOSE INTERVIEWED, THE WEAKNESS OF THE US-EGYPTIAN ALLIANCE WAS THAT IT DEPENDED ON ONE MAN WHO HAD TAKEN ABSOLUTE POWER IN EGYPT AND WHOSE PASSING THUS LEAVES A VACUUM AND UNCERTAINTY AS TO WHO WILL REPLACE HIM."

5. (LOU) IN SUM, SO FAR OFFICIAL CUBAN TREATMENT OF SADAT'S DEATH HAS BEEN CORRECT AND IN ACCORDANCE NORMS OF COURTESY. UNOFFICIALLY, HOWEVER, CUBANS ARE NOT HIDING BELIEF THAT HIS DEATH IS LIKELY TO FAVOR THEIR SIDE IN MIDDLE EAST.
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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING - OCTOBER 6, 1981

FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE, FOLLOWING ARE RELEVANT
EXCERPTS FROM DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING FOR OCTOBER 6, 1981
SPOKESMAN WAS DEAN FISCHER.

MR. FISCHER: THE SECRETARY HAS ASKED ME TO MAKE THE FOL-
LOWING STATEMENT ON HIS BEHALF.

THE DEATH OF PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT OF EGYPT GRIEVES ME
DEEPLY, AS IT DOES ALL AMERICANS. HIS ASSASSINATION CLOSES
A UNIQUE CAREER MARKED BY A BLEND OF COURAGE AND VISION.

AT THIS TRAGIC MOMENT, LET US REMEMBER THE PRINCIPLES FOR
WHICH HE GAVE HIS LIFE. ANWAR SADAT'S VISION WAS ROOTED
IN A PROFOUND SENSE OF REALITY. HE SAW THAT THE SECURITY
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AND PROGRESS OF BOTH EGYPT AND THE MIDDLE EAST DEPENDED
UPON PEACE.

HE BELIEVED THAT IT WAS POSSIBLE IN THE CONTEXT OF PEACE

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TO ADD A NEW AND CONSTRUCTIVE CHAPTER TO EGYPT'S LONG HISTORY AND CIVILIZATION. IT WAS THIS SENSE OF CIVILIZATION THAT GUIDED HIS HISTORIC VISIT TO JERUSALEM AND THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE CAMP DAVID ACCORDS.

THE QUEST FOR A COMPREHENSIVE PEACE, ALONG WITH THE MODERNIZATION OF EGYPT, BECAME THE CORNERSTONES OF HIS POLICY. HIS TENACIOUS PURSUIT OF PEACE SO MUCH IN THE INTEREST OF EGYPT AND THE ENTIRE AREA WON HIM THE SUPPORT AND THE ADMIRATION OF MUCH OF THE WORLD.

ANWAR SADAT STOOD FOR CREATIVE, DYNAMIC, PEACEFUL CHANGE. HIS ACTIONS WERE DEDICATED TO A WORLD IN WHICH NATIONS COULD SETTLE THEIR DISPUTES WITHOUT WAR.

DURING THIS DIFFICULT TRANSITION PERIOD THE UNITED STATES WILL STAND FIRMLY BY EGYPT. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE EGYPTIAN PEOPLE AND THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESS WILL PREVAIL, BUT THIS TERRIBLE EVENT MUST NOT DISRUPT THE PROMISE OF ANWAR SADAT'S HISTORIC ACHIEVEMENTS.

THE BEST MONUMENT TO HIS MEMORY WILL BE THE COMPLETION OF HIS NOBLE WORK. LET US DEDICATE OURSELVES ANEW TO THE TASK OF PEACE.

Q. COULD WE GET THAT, PLEASE?

A. YES.

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Q. DEAN, ARE YOU PREPARED TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS?

A. NO. I'M NOT THIS EVENING. I HAVE NOTHING TO ADD TO WHAT DAVID GERGEN SAID AT THE WHITE HOUSE THIS AFTERNOON.
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SUBJECT: MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR HOSTS DINNER IN HONOR OF THE
NEW AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO MOROCCO

1. FOLLOWING ITEM ON DINNER OFFERED BY MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR
ALI BENGELLOUN OCTOBER 6 IN HONOR OF AMBASSADOR JOSEPH
REED IS FORWARDED FOR PLACEMENT IN MOROCCAN PRESS AND RADIO:

QUOTE: MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR ALI BENGELLOUN HOSTED A DINNER
OCTOBER 5 IN HONOR OF JOSEPH V. REED, JR. WHO IS SCHEDULED
TO DEPART FOR MOROCCO LATE THIS MONTH TO PRESENT HIS CRE-
DENTIALS TO HIS MAJESTY AS THE NEW AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO
MOROCCO. AMONG THE INVITED GUESTS WERE SENATOR PERCY, CHAIR-
MAN OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, DR. AND MRS.
ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI, FORMER NATIONAL SECURITY ASSISTANT
ADVISOR, MR. JOSEPH W. CANZERI, ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT,
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MR. AND MRS. MICHAEL K. DEEVER, JR., ASSISTANT TO THE PRESI-
DENT, HIS EXCELLENCY AND MRS. FRANCOIS DE LABOULAYE, AMBAS-
SADOR OF FRANCE, AMBASSADOR AND MRS. RICHARD HELMS, FORMER
DIRECTOR OF THE CIA, THE HONORABLE AND MRS. RUSSELL B. LONG,

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SENATOR FROM LOUISIANA, MRS. URSULA MEESE, WIFE OF THE COUNSELOR TO THE PRESIDENT, MRS. HELENE VON DAMM, ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT, GENERAL VERNON A. WALTERS, AMBASSADOR AT LARGE.

2. AMBASSADOR REED OFFERED THE FOLLOWING TOAST AT THE DINNER THAT TOOK PLACE ON THE SAME DAY AS THE ASSASSINATION OF EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT:

QUOTE: WE GATHER THIS EVENING UNDER TRAGIC CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH WE MOURN THE LOSS OF A GREAT LEADER AND FRIEND OF THE UNITED STATES, ANWAR SADAT. I HAD THE HIGH PRIVILEGE TO KNOW PRESIDENT SADAT PERSONALLY OVER MANY YEARS AND I AM DESOLATED BY HIS DEATH. HIS CONTRIBUTION TO PEACE AND UNDERSTANDING WAS UNIQUE. IN OUR SORROW AT THE PASSING OF THIS LOYAL FRIEND AND GREAT STATESMAN, I RISE TO TOAST A FRIENDSHIP, A FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN NATIONS. OF SUCH FRIENDSHIPS THERE ARE, HAPPILY, MANY IN THE WORLD, AND I HOPE THAT THEY ARE GROWING: INDEED, THAT IS THE WORK OF DIPLOMATS AND MEN OF GOVERNMENT HERE TONIGHT. BUT I RISE TO TOAST A FRIENDSHIP LIKE NONE OTHER, A FRIENDSHIP WHICH CAN ONLY BE GIVEN ONCE. THE FRIENDSHIP OF AN OLD AND HONORABLE KINGDOM FOR A NEW AND UNTRIED FORM OF NATIONAL LIFE: THE BOLD EXPERIMENT WHICH GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON, THE LEADER OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, SET OUT TO ESTABLISH IN STATECRAFT AND IN ARMS. THE FRIENDSHIP THAT THE EMPEROR MOHAMMED III HELD OUT TO THE INFANT UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; FRIENDSHIP WHICH WAS RECOGNIZED BY GENERAL WASHINGTON WHEN HE WROTE TO THE EMPEROR AS HIS "GREAT AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MAGNIFICANT FRIEND". THE FRIENDSHIP OF THE FIRST NATION ON EARTH TO FORMALLY RECOGNIZE THIS BOLD NEW NATION "CONCEIVED IN LIBERTY AND DEDICATED TO THE PROPOSITION THAT ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL". I TOAST: THE KING OF THIS GREAT NATION; I TOAST THIS GREAT PEOPLE; I TOAST MOROCCO: MY COUNTRY'S FIRST FRIEND ON EARTH. END QUOTE.

3. REGRET DEPARTMENT'S TRANSLATIONS SERVICES OVERTAXED AND COULD NOT TRANSLATE IT INTO FRENCH.

4. AMBASSADOR REED HOPES YOU CAN MAKE USE OF THIS ITEM SINCE HAS WAS COMPELLED BY OTHER PRESSING BUSINESS TO POSTPONE VOA INTERVIEW TO LATER DATE. (FYI: AMBASSADOR TOOK GREAT EXCEPTION TO OTHERWISE SPLENDID CABLE (RABAT'S 7100) WHICH CHARACTERIZED EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN

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GEORGE WASHINGTON AND HIS MAJESTY SULTAN MOHAMMED AS QUOTE
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FOR AMBASSADOR KIRKPATRICK

FOLLOWING CAIRO 23814 DTD 06 OCT, SENT ACTION STATE
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SUBJ: END OF AN ERA: THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT SADAT

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2. SUMMARY. EGYPTIAN VICE PRESIDENT HUSNI MUBARAK CONFIRMED THE DEATH OF PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT IN A SHORT NATION-WIDE ADDRESS EVENING OF OCTOBER 6. MUBARAK ANNOUNCED THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 1971 CONSTITUTION, PEOPLES ASSEMBLY SPEAKER, DR. SUFI ABU TALIB, IS NOW CONFIDENTIAL

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EGYPT'S INTERIM PRESIDENT. FOLLOWING MUBARAK'S STATEMENT, CAIRO TV AND RADIO BROADCAST FOUR DECREES ISSUED BY INTERIM PRESIDENT ABU TALIB ANNOUNCING: (A) DESIGNATION OF MUBARAK AS VP AND SUPREME COMMANDER OF THE ARMED FORCES; (B) RETENTION OF THE EXISTING EGYPTIAN CABINET; (C) DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY AND (D) CALLING THE PEOPLES ASSEMBLY INTO EXTRAORDINARY SESSION ON

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OCTOBER 7 TO DECLARE FORMALLY POSITION OF PRESIDENT VACANT AND UNDERTAKE ITS CONSTITUTIONAL DUTY TO NOMINATE SUCCESSOR. FOREIGN MINISTER ALI HAS INFORMED AMBASSADOR THAT RULING NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY HAS CHOSEN MUBARAK AS ITS CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT, THAT MUBARAK WILL BE NOMINATED AT THE PEOPLES ASSEMBLY SESSION OCTOBER 7, AND THAT A NATIONAL PLEBISCITE APPROVING HIM AS PRESIDENT WILL BE HELD MONDAY, OCTOBER 12. ALI ALSO TOLD AMBASSADOR GOE CONVINCED ATTACK ON SADAT WAS AN ASSASSINATION AND NOT REPEAT NOT A COUP ATTEMPT PERPETRATED BY MEMBERS OF THE RADICAL "AL-TAKFIR WA AL-HIJR" ISLAMIC SOCIETY. WE UNDERSTAND THERE IS CONCERN, HOWEVER, THAT OTHER ARMED MEMBERS OF THIS GROUP REMAIN AT LARGE IN CAIRO. END SUMMARY.

3. THE STREETS OF CAIRO BEGAN QUIETLY TO EMPTY LATE THIS AFTERNOON AS THE NEWS OF THE ATTACK ON PRESIDENT SADAT AT THE OCTOBER 6 MILITARY PARADE BEGAN TO FILTER THROUGHOUT THIS VAST CAPITAL. THERE IS NO OUTWARD EVIDENCE OF TENSION OR DISTURBED CONDITIONS IN THE CITY; EXTRA GUARDS ARE IN PLACE AT SOME INSTALATIONS BUT THEIR PRESENCE IS NOT OVERLY NOTICEABLE. ALTHOUGH NO SPECIFIC ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE, THE TONE AND CONTENT OF THE QUR'ANIC READINGS WHICH LED UP TO VP MUBARAK'S 8:00 P.M. LOCAL NATION-WIDE TV AND RADIO STATEMENT MADE IT CLEAR TO ONE AND ALL THAT A GREAT TRAGEDY HAD BE-CONFIDENTIAL.

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FALEN EGYPT: MUHAMMAD ANWAR AL-SADAT WAS DEAD. IN HIS SHORT REMARKS (FBIS NCO61819), MUBARAK MADE NO REFERENCE TO THE ACTUAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF SADAT'S DEATH: CALLING HIM A GREAT MARTYR, HE SPECIFIED THE LATE PRESIDENT'S NUMEROUS ACHIEVEMENTS AND REAFFIRMED EGYPT'S COMMITMENT TO SADAT'S FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC POLICIES, INCLUDING HIS PURSUIT OF MIDEAST PEACE. IN ADDITION, HE REITERATED THAT THE SUCCESSION WOULD BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 1971 CONSTITUTION AND, IN THIS REGARD, SAID THAT PEOPLES ASSEMBLY SPEAKER, DR. SUFI ABU TAIB, WAS NOW EGYPT'S INTERIM PRESIDENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 84 OF THAT DOCUMENT.

4. FOLLOWING MUBARAK'S ANNOUNCEMENT, A COMMENTATOR FROM EGYPTIAN RADIO AND TV ANNOUNCED THAT INTERIM PRESIDENT ABU TALIB HAD ISSUED THE FOLLOWING DECREES:

-- ONE: APPOINTED HUSNI MUBARAK VP AND NAMED HIM SUPREME COMMANDER OF THE ARMED FORCES. (NOTE: THIS IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 139 OF THE CONSTITUTION PER-

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MITTING THE PRESIDENT TO APPOINT ONE OR MORE VICE PRESIDENTS AND TO DETERMINE HIS OR THEIR DUTIES.END FYI.)

-- TWO: REQUESTED THE CURRENT CABINET TO REMAIN IN OFFICE;

-- THREE: DECLARED A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN EFFECT FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 6, 1981. (FYI: THIS I IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 74 OF THE CONSTITUTION AND LAW 112/1958 RELATING THE DECLARATION OF MARTIAL LAW OR A STATE OF EMERGENCY. SEE 80 CAIRO 11053. END FYI.)

-- FOUR: CALLED FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE PEOPLES ASSEMBLY TO BE HELD AT 10:00 A.M. LOCAL ON WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 7 FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:
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(A) TO DECLARE THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT VACANT (REQUIRED UNDER ARTICLE 84); (B) TO CARRY OUT ITS CONSTITUTIONAL DUTY TO NOMINATE A NEW PRESIDENT; AND (C) TO ELECT TWO NEW DEPUTIES TO THE SPEAKER OF THE PEOPLES ASSEMBLY.

5. SHORTLY BEFORE MUBARAK'S ADDRESS, AMBASSADOR CALLED DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER, KAMAL HASAN ALI (ALI, LIKE THE REST OF THE CABINET, HAD BEEN PRESENT AT THE PARADE BUT HE HAD ESCAPED UNHARMED.) ALI INFORMED THE AMBASSADOR THAT PRESIDENT SADAT WAS DEAD AND THAT A STATE FUNERAL WAS PLANNED FOR SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10. HE SAID GOE CONSIDERED THIS TO HAVE BEEN AN ASSASSINATION AND NOT REPEAT NOT AN ATTEMPTED COUP D'ETAT. THE LEADER OF THE ASSASSINATION TEAM WAS A MEMBER OF THE RADICAL "AL-TAKFIR WA AL'HIJRA" GROUP WHOSE BROTHER WAS ONE OF THE "TAKFIR WA HIJRA" LEADERS ARRESTED BY GOE DURING THE SEPTEMBER ROUND-UP. ALI SAID ONE OFFICER AND THREE SOLDIERS WERE INVOLVED IN THIS ATTACK, ALTHOUGH THERE WERE INDICATIONS THEY WERE MERELY POSING AS MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES. (COMMENT: THIS INFORMATION CONFLICTS SOMEWHAT WITH THAT PROVIDED AMBASSADOR EARLIER BY MINDEF ABU GHAZALA. LATTER TOLD AMBASSADOR TWO OFFICERS AND FOUR SOLDIERS (ALL FROM THE ARTILLARY CORPS) WERE INVOLVED IN THE ATTACK. ONE MAJOR AND TWO SOLDIERS WERE KILLED, WHILE A LIEUTENANT AND TWO SOLDIERS WERE CAPTURED. END COMMENT.)

6. REGARDING GOE'S IMMEDIATE PLANS, ALI TOLD AMBASSADOR THE LEADERSHIP OF THE RULING NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (NDP) (APPARENTLY THE POLITBURO; SEE CAIRO 23458 FOR

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LIST OF MEMBERS ELECTED SEPTEMBER 30) HAD MET AFTERNOON
OF OCTOBER 6 AND PROPOSED MUBARAK AS PRESIDENT.
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NOMINATION WILL BE SUBMITTED TO PEOPLES ASSEMBLY FOR ITS
APPROVAL AT ITS EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OCTOBER 7. ALI
ADDED THAT A NATIONAL REFERENDUM TO APPROVE MUBARAK'S
SUCCESSION WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 12. (NOTE:
THIS IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 76 OF THE CONSTI-
TUTION; THUS FAR, NO PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT HAS BEEN
MADE.)

7. COMMENT. ALTHOUGH BOTH ALI AND ABU GHAZALA WERE FIRM
IN THEIR BELIEF THAT THE PARADE ATTACK WAS DIRECTED ONLY
AT PRESIDENT SADAT PERSONALLY (AND AT OTHER MEMBERS OF THE
GOVERNMENT IN THE LINE OF FIRE) AND WAS NOT A COUP ATTEMPT
PER SE, SOME CONCERN HAS BEEN EXPRESSED THAT OTHER ARMED
MEMBERS OF THE "TAKFIR WA HIJRA" GROUP MIGHT BE AT LARGE
IN CAIRO AND COULD ATTEMPT FURTHER DISRUPTIVE ACTS. IT
WAS THE "TAKFIR WA HIJRA" GROUP WHICH KIDNAPPED AND MUR-
DERED A PROMINENT FORMER MINISTER IN JULY 1977. GOE AT
THE TIME WAS SURPRISED AT THE SIZE OF THIS FANATICAL
ORGANIZATION (OVER 4000 MEMBERS), AND SOME 469 OF ITS
PROMINENT MEMBERS WERE DETAINED IN THE CRACKDOWN ON THE
REGIME'S RELIGIOUS AND SECULAR OPPONENTS EARLY LAST MONTH.

8. EMBASSY HAS ACTIVATED ITS WARDEN SYSTEM AND IS CAU-
TIONING MISSION EMPLOYEES AND AMERICAN CITIZENS GENERALLY
TO REMAIN CALM AND KEEP A LOW PROFILE (SEPTTEL). A 24-HOUR
TELEPHONE INFORMATION SERVICE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AT THE
CHANCERY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS MISSION EMPLOYEES OR
AMERICAN CITIZENS MIGHT HAVE.

9. WE WILL BE SENDING IN OUR PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT OF
THE IMPLICATIONS OF SADAT'S DEATH TOMORROW, OCTOBER 7.
ATHERTON UNQUOTE HAIG

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E.O. 12065: N/A

TAGS: SOPN

SUBJECT: WHITE HOUSE PRESS RELEASE - DEATH OF ANWAR
EL-SADAT

1. THE WHITE HOUSE, OFFICE OF THE PRESS SECRETARY,
ON 10/7/81 ISSUED FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE THE FOLLOWING
STATEMENT. QUOTE: DEATH OF ANWAR EL-SADAT -- BY THE
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA -- A
PROCLAMATION -- AMERICA HAS LOST A CLOSE FRIEND; THE
WORLD HAS LOST A GREAT STATESMAN AND MANKIND HAS LOST
A CHAMPION OF PEACE. PARAGRAPH. PRESIDENT SADAT WAS
A COURAGEOUS MAN WHOSE VISION AND WISDOM BROUGHT
NATIONS AND PEOPLE TOGETHER. PARAGRAPH. IN A WORLD
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FILLED WITH HATRED, HE WAS A MAN OF HOPE. IN A WORLD
TRAPPED IN THE ANIMOSITIES OF THE PAST, HE WAS A MAN
OF FORESIGHT, A MAN WHO SOUGHT TO IMPROVE A WORLD
TORMENTED BY MALICE AND PETTINESS. PARAGRAPH. HE

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WAS ADMIRER AND LOVED BY THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA. HIS DEATH YESTERDAY -- AN ACT OF INFAMY, COWARDLY INFAMY -- FILLS US WITH HORROR. PARAGRAPH. AS A MARK OF RESPECT FOR THE MEMORY OF ANWAR SADAT I HEREBY ORDER THAT THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES SHALL BE FLOWN AT HALF-STAFF UPON ALL PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS, AT ALL MILITARY POSTS AND NAVAL STATIONS, AND ON ALL

NAVAL VESSELS OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES AND ITS TERRITORIES AND POSSESSIONS UNTIL HIS INTERMENT. I ALSO DIRECT THAT THE FLAG SHALL BE FLOWN AT HALF-STAFF FOR THE SAME LENGTH OF TIME AT ALL UNITED STATES EMBASSIES, LEGATIONS, CONSULAR OFFICES, AND OTHER FACILITIES ABROAD, INCLUDING ALL MILITARY FACILITIES AND NAVAL VESSELS AND STATIONS. PARAGRAPH. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND THIS 7TH DAY OF OCTOBER, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE, AND OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE TWO HUNDRED AND SIXTH. RONALD REAGAN, END QUOTE. HAIG

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TAGS: MILI, MPOL, PEPR, FJ, EG, XF, US

SUBJ: FIJI PRESS COVERAGE OF POST ASSASSINATION ACTIVITY

1. FIJI SUN 9 OCT ISSUE CARRIED ARTICLE ENTITLED
QUOTE CAMP DAVID AGREEMENT CRUMBLING - PLO CHIEF UNQUOTE.
ARTICLE WAS BANNER HEADLINE ON FRONT PAGE AND CARRIED ON
PAGE FIVE, THE WORLD NEWS SECTION. THE ARTICLE STATED
QVOTE YASSER ARAFAT, CHIEF OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION
ORGANIZATION DECLARED THAT THE WORLD WAS WITNESSING THE
CRUMBLING OF THE CAMP DAVID AGREEMENT 'WITH THE FALL
OF ONE OF ITS SYMBOLS' - ANWAR SADAT. UNQUOTE.
THE ARTICLE CONTINUED THAT ARAFAT DENIED FOREKNOWLEDGE
OF THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT AND THAT HE BELIEVED THAT
EGYPT WILL NOT LAST LONG.

2. PRESS CONTINUES TO MONITOR POST ASSASSINATION
REACTIONS BUT INTEREST IN IMPACT ON MFO IS WANING
IN THE PUBLIC MIND HERE.
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E.O.12065:N/A

TAGS: OVIP (HAIG, ALEXANDER)

SUBJ: MESSAGE FROM CONGRESSMAN WRIGHT

1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM CONGRESSMAN
WRIGHT TO MARSHALL LYNAM, C/O CONGRESSMAN WRIGHT,
1236 LONGWORTH BLDG., WASHINGTON, DC.

2. "CAIRO, OCTOBER 10 -- HERE IN THIS ANCIENT CITY
ESTABLISHED ON THE RIVER WHERE A PHAROAH'S DAUGHTER ONCE
FOUND A BABY CRADLED IN THE BULLRUSHES, WE THINK OF A
MAN, AND OF HIS DREAM, AND OF THE CREEPING CONTAGION
OF TERROR THAT RIDDLED HIS BODY AND SILENCED HIS VOICE.

GREAT AND NEAR GREAT HAVE COME TO MOURN THE DEATH OF
ANWAR EL SADAT, BORN 62 YEARS AGO TO A SUDANESE WOMAN
IN AN OBSCURE RURAL VILLAGE.

THREE FORMER PRESIDENTS OF OUR COUNTRY WHO CALLED HIM
FRIEND HAVE COME TO SAY GOODBYE. NOT SINCE 1961 WHEN
TRUMAN, EISENHOWER, KENNEDY AND A PRESIDENT-TO-BE NAMED
LYNDON JOHNSON SAT SIDE BY SIDE AT SAM RAYBURN'S
FUNERAL IN THE LITTLE BAPTIST CHURCH AT BONHAM HAS A
DEATH DRAWN THIS MANY AMERICAN PRESIDENTS TOGETHER.

FOR MOST OF THE 12 HOUR TRIP ABOARD AIR FORCE ONE
RICHARD NIXON, GERALD FORD AND JIMMY CARTER SHARED TWO
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ADJOINING TABLES IN A SMALL FOREWARD CABIN. THEY TALKED
EASILY, TOLD STORIES, LAUGHED OFTEN. SOMETIMES THEY
GREW SERIOUS. THEIRS IS A TINY FRATERNITY EXCLUSIVE TO
THOSE WHO HAVE KNOWN THE AWFUL, EXQUISITE AGONY OF THE

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WORLD'S MOST HONORED AND MOST OPPRESSIVE JOB.

BUT SOMETHING MORE THAN SHARED EXPERIENCE HAS BROUGHT THEM HERE TO DO JOINT HONOR TO A MAN AND TO HIS DREAM, AND TO LAMENT THE MADNESS THAT STALKS THE CIVIL RULERS OF THE WORLD AND REPEATEDLY RENDS THE FRAGILE FABRIC OF OUR SOCIAL ORDER.

IT ISN'T ONLY THE WORLD'S TOP LEADERS WHOSE LIVES ARE VULNERABLE TO ASSASSINS' BULLETS. SENATOR CLAIBORNE PELL OF R.I. HAS CONDUCTED A STUDY OF TERRORISM. HE TOLD ME TODAY THAT IN THE PAST 20 YEARS THE U.S. HAS LOST MORE AMBASSADORS TO DEEDS OF VIOLENCE THAN THE TOTAL NUMBER OF GENERALS AND ADMIRALS SLAIN IN THE LAST TWO WARS.

INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC SERVICE MAY BE THE WORLD'S MOST HAZARDOUS PROFESSION -- PARTICULARLY IF ONE STANDS FOR SOMETHING.

ANWAR SADAT KNEW THAT. FOUR YEARS AGO, PREPARING FOR HIS DRAMATIC PEACE PILGRIMAGE TO JERUSALEM, HE SPOKE OF ARAB FANATICS WHO HAD THREATENED HIS LIFE. THEN I HEARD HIM SAY IN THAT DEEP, RESONANT VOICE: "IF I SHOULD HOLD IN MY HAND A CHANCE TO BRING PEACE, AND IF I SHOULD FAIL TO TAKE THAT CHANCE, THEN I WOULD BE ANSWERABLE TO MY GOD."

IN JERUSALEM, BEFORE MAKING HIS PLEA TO ISRAEL'S KNESSET,
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SADAT KNELT FOR PRAYER IN THE VERY MOSQUE WHERE A GENERATION EARLIER THE GRANDFATHER OF JORDAN'S KING HUSSEIN HAD BEEN MURDERED WHILE PRAYING.

ALL ALONG, SADAT TEMPTED FATE, AND HE KNEW IT.

IT SEEMS SO PLACID A PLACE, THIS TIRED OLD CITY WHERE FARMERS STILL BRING THEIR WARES INTO TOWN ON THE BACKS OF DONKEYS AND IN TWO-WHEELED CARTS.

FROM THE WINDOWS OF DOWNTOWN HOTELS CAN BE SEEN THE PYRAMIDS AT WHOSE BASE TOURISTS PAY CAMEL TENDERS TO HELP THEM ABOARD THE LONG-LEGGED BEASTS LONG ENOUGH TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED.

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FROM THE AIR CAIRO IS THE PLACE WHERE CONVERGE
THE NARROW RIBBONS OF VERDANT GREEN, 800 MILES LONG AND
SCARCELY A MILE WIDE, WHICH TRACE THE ROUTE OF THE LIFE-
GIVING NILE AND ITS TRIBUTARIES THROUGH THE BARREN DESERT
WASTES THAT MAKE UP MORE THAN NINETY PERCENT OF EGYPT.

FROM THE COLORFUL BAZAARS, FILLED WITH SO RICH A
VARIETY OF GOODS, COME ALL THE PUNGENT ODORS OF
ARABIA. THE BAZAARS ARE CLOSED NOW, AND PEOPLE PAUSE IN
THEIR DAILY GOINGS TO SPREAD SHAWLS AND KNEEL AS
PRAYERS ASCEND IN WARBLING TENOR TONES FROM THE CITY'S
MINARETS.

ANWAR SADAT IS DEAD. DID THE HOPES HE BESTIRRED DIE
WITH HIM? IS THE HISTORY OF HATRED AND BAD FAITH BETWEEN

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ARAB AND JEW TOO DEEPLY ENGRAINED IN THE CULTURE OF
EACH EVER TO YIELD TO TRUST?

MUST THE THUD OF MORTARS AND THE WHINE OF BOMBS AND THE
FRENZIED CHATTER OF MACHINE GUN FIRE FOREVER DROWN
OUT THE HEARTBEAT OF MEN AND WOMEN ON EITHER SIDE WHO
WANT THE KILLING TO STOP?

PALESTINIAN ARABS SAY THEY WILL NOT STOP THEIR ACTS OF
TERRORISM AGAINST THE JEWS UNTIL ISRAEL RECOGNIZES THE

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PLO AND NEGOTIATES WITH IT A SETTLEMENT OF TERRITORIAL CLAIMS ON THE WEST BANK AND IN THE GAZA STRIP.

ISRAELIS RETORT THAT THEY CANNOT NEGOTIATE WITH AN ENTITY WHICH REFUSES TO RECOGNIZE ISRAEL'S EXISTENCE AND STILL OPENLY AVOWS ITS TOTAL DESTRUCTION.

ANWAR SADAT PROPOSED A SOLUTION. SPEAKING TO A CONGRESSIONAL GROUP IN WASHINGTON LAST AUGUST, HE ENDORSED THE IDEA OF AN UNARMED PALESTINIAN STATE, A DEMILITARIZED ZONE WITH A MULTI-NATIONAL PEACE FORCE TO GUARANTEE BOTH ITS BORDERS AND ISRAEL'S.

AND, AS TO WHICH SIDE SHOULD YIELD FIRST, HE CALLED FOR MUTUAL SIMULTANEOUS RECOGNITION, IN WHICH ISRAELI LEADERS WOULD AGREE TO SIT AND TALK WITH PLO SPOKESMEN, AND THE LATTER WOULD DISAVOW THEIR OATHS TO DESTROY THE
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ISRAELI STATE AND FORMALLY ACKNOWLEDGE ITS RIGHT TO EXIST.

FOR THAT HE WAS KILLED, PRESUMABLY BY FANATIC ARAABS WHO WANT NO PEACE WITH ISRAEL.

MUST ALL HOPE FOR PEACE BE BURIED WITH HIM?

VICE PRESIDENT HOSNI MOUBAREK, WHO TUESDAY WILL BE FORMALLY ELECTED AS SADAT'S SUCCESSOR, TOLD OUR AMERICAN DELEGATION FRIDAY THAT THE PEACE PROCESS CONTINUES.

HIS FOREMOST GOAL, HE VOWS, IS TO CARRY OUT THE CAMP DAVID AGREEMENTS AND GOALS SO CLOSE TO THE HEART OF THE MAN WHO CHOSE HIM AND WHOM HE REPLACES.

MOUBAREK IS A STRAIGHTFORWARD MAN. HE IS LARGER, YOUNGER, MORE MUSCULAR THAN SADAT. HE GIVES THE IMPRESSION OF KNOWING WHAT HE THINKS. HE IS NOT ELOQUENT IN THE MANNER OF HIS PREDECESSOR. HIS PHRASES DO NOT MAKE THE BLOOD TINGLE. THOSE WHO KNOW HIM DESCRIBE HIM AS "COMPETENT." THAT IS THE ADJECTIVE MOST FREQUENTLY HEARD.

HE PROFESSES A FRIENDSHIP FOR AMERICA, A CONTEMPT FOR THE SOVIET UNION, A DETERMINATION TO CARRY ON SADAT'S CRUSADE UNTIL PEACE COMES TO THE MIDDLE EAST.

WHAT REASON TO BELIEVE THIH MAN COULD SUCCEED WHERE

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ANWAR SADAT DID NOT? NONE PERHAPS.

BUT I REMEMBER ANOTHER LEADER OF DRAMA AND FLAIR WHO
DREAMED BOLD DREAMS AND CAPTURED THE WORLD'S IMAGINATION
ONLY TO BE CUT OFF BY AN ASSASSIN BEFORE HIS HOPES COULD
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FLOWER. HIS NAME WAS JOHN KENNEDY.

AND I REMEMBER ANOTHER, LESS CELEBRATED BY THE STYLE
SETTERS OF THE WORLD. LYNDON JOHNSON MADE MANY OF
KENNEDY'S DREAMS COME TRUE. JIM WRIGHT.
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E.O. 12065: GDS 10/13/87 (MCCALIE, M.) OR-E/P
TAGS: PDIP, PDSC, PTER, EG, TC
SUBJECT: UNITED ARAB EMIRATES DENOUNCES ASSASSINATION OF
ANWAR SADAT

REF: A. ABU DHABI 3189 B. STATE 267658

1. (A) IN REACTION TO THE ASSASSINATION OF EGYPTIAN
PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT, THE U.A.E. GOVERNMENT ISSUED THE
FOLLOWING CONDEMNATION OCTOBER 11:
"THE U.A.E. CONDEMS ALL POLITICAL ASSASSINATIONS.
WHATEVER THE DIFFERENCES IN POLICIES AND VIEWPOINTS
ON NATIONAL ISSUES, NO APPROVAL CAN BE GIVEN TO SUCH METHODS
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THAT GO AGAINST ISLAMIC VALUES AND GENUINE ARAB TRADITION.
EGYPT WILL REMAIN IN THE HEART OF EVERY ARAB AS A
FUNDAMENTAL BASE OF ARAB WORK. WE ARE UNITED WITH THE
PEOPLE OF EGYPT IN WHATEVER IS GOOD FOR THEM AND WE

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SHARE THEIR SUFFERINGS. WE FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT EGYPT WILL REMAIN FAITHFUL ON ALL NATIONAL ISSUES. WE PRAY TO GOD ALMIGHTY TO SAVE EGYPT AND ITS PEOPLE FROM ALL HARM AND HELP IT ACHIEVE UNITY AND STABILITY SO IT CAN CONTINUE TO CARRY OUT ITS NATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND CONTRIBUTENALONG WITH ITS ARAB BROTHERS TO THE CAUSE OF ARAB SOLIDARITY."

2. (C) DIRECTOR OF PRESIDENTIAL COURT, ALI SHORAFI, PHONED CHARGE OCTOBER 12 TO CALL ATTENTION TO THE STATEMENT BY U.A.E. GOVERNMENT. SHORAFI INDICATED THE STATEMENT HAD BEEN DRAWN UP AND RELEASED AFTER RECEIPT OF U.S. MESSAGE (REF. B). HE STATED FURTHER THAT U.A.E. HAD SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED SENDING A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SADAT FUNERAL BUT, NOTING THAT ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER BEGIN WOULD BE THERE, HAD FINALLY DECIDED NO TO DO SO.

3. (C) COMMENT: IN OUR VIEW, THE U.A.E. DID NOT SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE FUNERAL BECAUSE IT SIMPLY DID NOT WISH TO GET OUT IN FRONT OF THE OTHER ARAB STATES. NEVERTHELESS, WE BELIEVE THE U.A.E. LEADERSHIP WAS SHOCKED BY THE ASSASSINATION OF SADAT AND OUTRAGED BY CELEBRATIONS WHICH OCCURED THEREAFTER IN SOME ARAB CAPITALS. THE CONDEMNATION OF THE ASSASSINATION WE BELIEVE, IS GENUINE, AS IS MODERATE EXPRESSION OF HOPE FOR RENEWED TIES BETWEEN EGYPT AND OTHER ARAB STATES.

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E.O. 12065: RDS-3 10/12/01 (ATHERTON, ALFRED L., JR.) OR-M
TAGS: PEPR, EG, US
SUBJECT: SITUATION IN EGYPT

1. SECRET-ENTIRE TEXT.
2. FOLLOWING ARE TALKING POINTS FOR YOUR USE AS APPROPRIATE
WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS TO DESCRIBE CURRENT SITUATION IN
EGYPT AND IMPLICATIONS OF TRANSFER OF POWER FROM ANWAR
SADAT TO HOSNI MUBARAK. YOU MAY ALSO DRAW ON THE TRANS-
SCRIPT OF THE SECRETARY'S "MEET THE PRESS. INTERVIEW ON
OCTOBER 11, 1981.

3. BEGIN TEXT:

--VICE PRESIDENT MUBARAK HAS MOVED QUICKLY AND EFFECTIVELY
TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE GOVERNMENT, CLOSELY ADHERING TO
EGYPT'S CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL PROCEDURES. HE WAS SADAT'S
VERY ACTIVE ALTER EGO. SADAT HAS GROOMED HIM FOR SIX
YEARS TO INSTILL IN HIM THE REQUISITE POLITICAL SKILLS FOR
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JUST SUCH AN EVENTUALITY.

--THE COUNTRY'S POLITICAL ELITE, BOTH IN AND OUT OF THE
GOVERNMENT, APPEARS TO BE STANDING LOYALLY WITH MUBARAK.

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THERE SHOULD BE NO DISRUPTION IN NORMAL GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES.

--MUBARAK IS POPULAR WITH THE AIR FORCE AND OTHER ARMED SERVICES. THE ARMED FORCES ARE LED BY MEN WHO ARE PERSONALLY LOYAL TO HIM. THERE HAVE BEEN NO INDICATIONS THAT THERE IS ANY SERIOUS DISSENSION OR DISLOYALTY IN THE ARMED FORCES, DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE LEADER OF THE OCTOBER 6 ASSASSINATION OF SADAT WAS AN ARMY OFFICER.

--WE UNDERSTAND THAT BOTH "THE LIBYAN AND EGYPTIAN FORCES IN THE WESTERN DESERT REMAIN IN A STATE OF ALERT. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THE EGYPTIANS HAVE ANY HOSTILE INTENTIONS AND THINK THEY WILL ACT WITH PRUDENCE DURING THIS DIFFICULT PERIOD. WE STAND READY TO HELP EGYPT DEFEND AGAINST MILITARY THREATS.

--LIBYA WILL BE WELLCTH (#) THE GREATEST RESTRAINT AND AVOID PROVOCATIONS AGAINST EGYPT.

--THE INCIDENTS AT ASYUT IN UPPER EGYPT FOLLOWING SADAT'S DEATH, WHICH TOOK A NUMBER OF CASUALTIES, AND EXCHANGES OF GUNFIRE IN CAIRO APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN ISOLATED ACTS OF TERRORISM BY SMALL BANDS OF MUSLIM FANATICS. THERE IS NO DIRECT EVIDENCE OF A CONNECTION BETWEEN THESE ATTACKS AND THE SADAT ASSASSINATION.

--NEVERTHELESS, THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT IS APPLYING VERY STRICT SECURITY MEASURES AND IS DETERMINED TO REACT FORCEFULLY SHOULD THERE BE OTHER DISTURBANCES.

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--MUBARAK IS A TOUGH, DETERMINED LEADER WHO, WE ARE CONFIDENT, WILL NOT PERMIT THE SITUATION TO DRIFT DANGEROUSLY OR TO ALLOW EVENTS TO ESCAPE HIS CONTROL.

--THE EGYPTIAN PUBLIC GENERALLY IS IN A STATE OF SHOCK AND IT IS CLEAR THAT CITIZENS ARE NOT YET ABLE FULLY TO COMPREHEND THE SUDDEN AND TRAGIC EVENT OF OCTOBER 6.

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1. "MAROC SOIR" SPECULATED OCTOBER 12 THAT THE DIS-
APPEARANCE OF SADAT HAS REVEALED THAT THE ENTIRE ARAB
WORLD, EXCEPT FOR THE EXTREMISTS, DESIRES EGYPT'S RETURN
TO THE ARAB COMMUNITY BECAUSE NO EFFORT AGAINST ISRAEL
IS POSSIBLE WITHOUT EGYPT. ACCORDING TO THE RABAT DAILY,
WHICH OFTEN REFLECTS GOM THINKING, CONDITIONS ARE RIPENING
FOR A MAJOR MIDDLE EAST POLITICAL EFFORT, BUT THIS
WOULD BE PREMATURE UNTIL NEXT APRIL AND CONDITIONED
UPON ISRAEL'S WITHDRAWAL FROM THE SINAI.
2. THE NEWSPAPER SUGGESTED THAT THE TRAGIC DEATH OF EGYPTIAN
PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT AND TEL AVIV'S "INTRANSIGENCE"
HAVE CREATED A SITUATION WHICH COULD MODIFY COMPLETELY
MIDDLE EAST POLITICS AND DIPLOMACY AND BRING A BETTER
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UNDERSTANDING IN WASHINGTON OF THE SITUATION IN THE
AREA. THE EDITORIAL OBSERVED THAT THERE WERE ALREADY
INDICATIONS IN CAIRO, AFTER THE LONG ISOLATION WHICH
EGYPT SUPPOSEDLY RESENTS, AND IN WASHINGTON, OF A CHANGE

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IN US MIDDLE EAST POLICY IN THE WAKE OF "ZIONIST INTRAN-
SIGENCE" AND THE "L'AFFAIRE DES AWACS" WHICH DEMONSTRATED
THAT "CERTAINS" DID NOT HESITATE TO PLACE "ZIONIST" INTER-
ESTS BEFORE THOSE OF THE UNITED STATES.

3. THE EDITORIAL OPINED THAT A "RADICAL" ECOLUTION OF
AMERICAN MIDDLE EAST POLITICS HAD ALREADY OCCURRED AS A
CONSEQUENCE OF THE PROPOSALS OF FORMER PRESIDENTS CARTER
AND FORD THAT THE U.S. ESTABLISH CONTACTS WITH THE PLO.
ANOTHER PROPORTED INDICATION OF THE EVOLUTION OF U.S.
POLICY WAS THE RECENT TRIP OF FORMER PRESIDENT NIXON TO
SAUDIA ARABIA, WHERE HE REPORTEDLY DISCUSSED PRINCE FAHD'S
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- ASSASSINATION AND SUPPORTS CAMP DAVID PROCESS

1. AT THE REOPENING OF THE CANADIAN HOUSE OF COMMONS
OCTOBER 14, HOUSE MEMBERS UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED THE FIRST
MOTION OF THE DAY, PUT FORWARD BY PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE
FOREIGN AFFAIRS SPOKESMAN JOHN CROSBIE AND SECONDED BY
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER MARK MACGUIGAN, EXPRESSING
PROFOUND REGRET OVER DEATH OF PRESIDENT SADAT AND CONTINUED
SUPPORT OF THE CAMP DAVID PEACE ACCORDS.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MOTION:

- QUOTE: THAT ALL MEMBERS OF THIS HOUSE EXPRESS THEIR
DEEP SENSE OF SHOCK AND SADNESS OVER THE ASSASSINATION OF
THE LATE STATESMAN, ANWAR SADAT, PRESIDENT OF EGYPT, AND
SEND SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF THE LATE PRESI-
DENT AND TO THE EGYPTIAN PEOPLE, AND THAT THIS HOUSE
EXPRESS ITS RENEWED SUPPORT FOR THE CONTINUATION AND
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CAMP DAVID PEACE ACCORDS WHICH ARE
A MESSAGE OF PEACE THAT THE LATE PRESIDENT BROUGHT TO
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WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS TO DESCRIBE CURRENT SITUATION IN
EGYPT AND IMPLICATIONS OF TRANSFER OF POWER FROM ANWAR
SADAT TO HOSNI MUBARAK. YOU MAY ALSO DRAW ON THE TRANS-
SCRIPT OF THE SECRETARY'S "MEET THE PRESS. INTERVIEW ON

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3. BEGIN TEXT:

--VICE PRESIDENT MUBARAK HAS MOVED QUICKLY AND EFFECTIVELY TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE GOVERNMENT, CLOSELY ADHERING TO EGYPT'S CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL PROCEDURES. HE WAS SADAT'S VERY ACTIVE ALTER EGO. SADAT HAS GROOMED HIM FOR SIX YEARS TO INSTILL IN HIM THE REQUISITE POLITICAL SKILLS FOR JUST SUCH AN EVENTUALITY.

--THE COUNTRY'S POLITICAL ELITE, BOTH IN AND OUT OF THE GOVERNMENT, APPEARS TO BE STANDING LOYALLY WITH MUBARAK. THERE SHOULD BE NO DISRUPTION IN NORMAL GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES.

--MUBARAK IS POPULAR WITH THE AIR FORCE AND OTHER ARMED SERVICES. THE ARMED FORCES ARE LED BY MEN WHO ARE PERSONALLY LOYAL TO HIM. THERE HAVE BEEN NO INDICATIONS THAT THERE IS ANY SERIOUS DISSENSION OR DISLOYALTY IN THE ARMED FORCES, DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE LEADER OF THE OCTOBER 6 ASSASSINATION OF SADAT WAS AN ARMY OFFICER.

--WE UNDERSTAND THAT BOTH "THE LIBYAN AND EGYPTIAN FORCES IN THE WESTERN DESERT REMAIN IN A STATE OF ALERT. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THE EGYPTIANS HAVE ANY HOSTILE INTENTIONS AND THINK THEY WILL ACT WITH PRUDENCE DURING THIS DIFFICULT PERIOD. WE STAND READY TO HELP EGYPT DEFEND AGAINST MILITARY THREATS.

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--LIBYA WILL BE WELL ADVISED TO ACT WITH THE GREATEST RESTRAINT AND AVOID PROVOCATIONS AGAINST EGYPT.

--THE INCIDENTS AT ASYUT IN UPPER EGYPT FOLLOWING SADAT'S DEATH, WHICH TOOK A NUMBER OF CASUALTIES, AND EXCHANGES OF GUNFIRE IN CAIRO APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN ISOLATED ACTS OF TERRORISM BY SMALL BANDS OF MUSLIM FANATICS. THERE IS NO DIRECT EVIDENCE OF A CONNECTION BETWEEN THESE ATTACKS AND THE SADAT ASSASSINATION.

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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DESPATCH FROM TAN LIAN CHOO,
"STRAITS TIMES" DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT REPORTING
FROM LONDON:

"THE ASSASSINATION OF EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT
HAS WRECKED U.S. POLICY ON THE MIDDLE EAST WHILE THE
CHANCES OF PRESIDENT-DESIGNATE HOSNI MUBARAK MAKING
A SUCCESS OF THE CAMP DAVID ACCORDS NOW DEPEND
ENTIRELY ON UNITED STATES AND ISRAELI POLICIES,
MR. S. RAJARATNAM, SECOND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER
(FOREIGN AFFAIRS) SAID HERE TODAY.

'MR. SADAT WAS THE SHEET ANCHOR OF U.S. MIDDLE EAST
POLICY AND NOW THAT THE ARCHITECT OF CAMP DAVID IS DEAD,
U.S. FOREIGN POLICY HAS GOT TO CREATE SOMETHING NEW.'

'WHETHER MR. MUBARAK CAN PUT THINGS TOGETHER, ONLY TIME
WILL TELL. BUT ONE THING IS CLEAR -- AFTER THREE YEARS,
THE CAMP DAVID ACCORDS HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO PRODUCE
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RESULTS POSITIVE ENOUGH FOR THE MODERATE ARABS,'
HE SAID.

ACCORDING TO MR. RAJARATNAM, MR. SADAT WAS A COURAGEOUS

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MAN WHO STAKED HIS WHOLE REPUTATION ON THE CAMP DAVID ACCORDS:

'NEITHER THE U.S. NOR THE ISRAELIS WERE EQUALLY COURAGEOUS TO RESPOND IN A WAY THAT WOULD HELP MR. SADAT CONVINCE HIS MODERATE COLLEAGUES THAT CAMP DAVID CAN PRODUCE RESULTS...AND THE ISRAELIS WERE NOT IMAGINATIVE ENOUGH.'

MR. RAJARATNAM COMMENTED ON THE EGYPTIAN AND MIDDLE EAST SITUATION IN AN INTERVIEW HERE WITH THE STRAITS TIMES, WHILE ON A ONE-DAY STOPOVER BETWEEN NEW YORK AND SINGAPORE.

HE WAS ON HIS WAY HOME AFTER ATTENDING THE 36TH UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
HOW EXACTLY MR. MUBARAK INTENDS TO KEEP FAITHFUL TO THE CAMP DAVID ACCORDS (AS HE HAD DECLARED) REMAINS TO BE SEEN, BUT HE WILL CERTAINLY BE MORE CAUTIOUS THAN MR. SADAT, MR. RAJARATNAM SAID.

COMMENTING ON THE STRENGTH OF MUSLIM FUNDAMENTALISTS TO BREAK DOWN EXISTING POLITICAL SYSTEMS IN THE MIDDLE EAST, MR. RAJARATNAM SAID ALTHOUGH THE WEST DID TAKE SERIOUS NOTE OF ITS IMPLICATIONS, IT UNDERESTIMATED THE SITUATION.

THE SOVIET UNION, ON THE OTHER HAND, KNOWS HOW TO PUT THIS TO ITS USE.

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THE SOVIETS DON'T ACTIVELY FUEL THE FUNDAMENTALISTS, ACCORDING TO MR. RAJARATNAM, BUT THEY KNOW HOW TO ADAPT TO THE SITUATION AND MAKE THESE FORCES ANTI-AMERICAN.

'BECAUSE THEY ARE MARXISTS, THEIR ANALYSIS ALWAYS OPERATES BY IDENTIFYING SOCIAL FORCES AND HOW TO USE THEM.'

'THE WEST HAS GONE MORE FOR PERSONAL ALLIES,'
MR. RAJARATNAM SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE AMERICAN AND SOVIET POLITICAL SYSTEMS, EACH WITH ITS OWN STRENGTH

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AND WEAKNESSES, GAVE AN ADVANTAGE TO THE SOVIET UNION IN A CRISIS SITUATION LIKE THIS.

WHILE PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN NEEDS BACKING FROM THE U.S. CONGRESS AND SENATE ON THE SALE OF AWACS RADAR PLANES TO SAUDI ARABIA, HIS SOVIET COUNTERPART PRESIDENT LEONID BREZHNEV CAN GO AHEAD WITH ANY FOREIGN POLICY DECISIONS WITHOUT APPROVAL BY THE SUPREME CONGRESS.

THIS MEANS THAT SOMEONE LIKE COL. MUAMMAR GADDAFI OF LIBYA CAN GET A 'FIRM' COMMITMENT FROM THE USSR WHEN THERE IS ONE, MR. RAJARATNAM SAID, WHILE THE U.S. NOW TRIES TO SECURE AN ALLY IN THE MIDDLE EAST." KLECKA

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 AUSTRALIAN DIPLOMAT

DURING THE "QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE" PERIOD IN THE OCTOBER
15 SESSION OF PARLIAMENT, FOREIGN MINISTER STREET WAS
QUERIED ABOUT THE CONDITION OF AUSTRALIAN DIPLOMAT JOHN WOODS,
WHO WAS WOUNDED DURING THE ASSASSINATION OF EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT
ANWAR SADAT. IN HIS RESPONSE STREET NOTED THE ASSISTANCE OF
U.S. ARMY DOCTORS, AND TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECORD GOA
THANKS TO UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE
WITH THE EVACUATION AND TREATMENT AT WIESBADEN.
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FOREIGN MINISTER AND HEAD OF DIETMEN'S ASSOCIATION FOR
JAPAN-PALESTINE FRIENDSHIP TOSHIO KIMURA LABELLED AS
SUCCESSFUL ON BALANCE YASSER ARAFAT VISIT SPONSORED
BY THE ASSOCIATION. HE SAID FOREIGN CRITICS OF THE

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VISIT, SUCH AS THE WASHINGTON POST, HAD NOT TAKEN SUFFICIENT ACCOUNT OF THE PRIVATE MEETING BETWEEN PM SUZUKI AND ARAFAT SINCE HE HAD HEARD THAT ARAFAT MIGHT HAVE MADE AN OFFER TO RECOGNIZE ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO EXIST IN RETURN FOR DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE U.S. (FYI: HIS ADMITTEDLY SECOND-HAND ACCOUNT OF THE ARAFAT-SUZUKI CONVERSATION DIFFERS FROM THAT GIVEN US BY MOFA. END FYI) KIMURA ALSO THOUGHT THE EIGHT-POINT SAUDI PEACE PROPOSAL MIGHT FORM THE BASIS FOR FURTHER MOVES TOWARDS MIDDLE EAST PEACE ONCE THE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM THE SINAI HAD BEEN COMPLETED. HE URGED AS USUAL THAT THE U.S. DEVELOP MORE OF A DIALOGUE WITH THE ARABS AND PLACE LESS EMPHASIS ON MILITARY SUPPORT FOR SELECTED ARAB COUNTRIES. EMBOFF REITERATED U.S. CONCERN ABOUT EFFECTS OF ARAFAT VISIT AND STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF JAPAN DOING WHAT IT COULD TO HELP INSURE IMPLEMENTATION OF EGYPT-ISRAEL TREATY. IT IS INTERESTING THAT IN HIS EFFORTS TO JUSTIFY THE ARAFAT VISIT ALL KIMURA COULD COME UP WITH WAS AN EXPRESSION BY ARAFAT OF WILLINGNESS TO RECOGNIZE ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO EXIST WHICH THE GOJ ASSURES US DID NOT OCCUR. KIMURA SEEMS TO HAVE A NEW APPRECIATION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF IMPLEMENTING CAMP DAVID AGREEMENT WITHOUT INTRODUCING UNSETTLING ELEMENTS BUT HE MAY STILL PRESS GOJ TO SUPPORT SAUDI EIGHT-POINT PROPOSAL AT A LATER DATE. END SUMMARY.

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3. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF OCTOBER 23, FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER AND CURRENT CHAIRMAN OF DIETMEN'S CONFIDENTIAL

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ASSOCIATION FOR JAPAN-PALESTINE FRIENDSHIP TOSHIO KIMURA SAID HE CONSIDERED VISIT TO JAPAN OCTOBER 12-15 BY PLO CHAIRMAN YASSER ARAFAT TO HAVE BEEN ON BALANCE SUCCESSFUL. HE SAID ITS MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT WAS 15-MINUTE PRIVATE SESSION BETWEEN ARAFAT AND PM SUZUKI FROM WHICH OTHER PARTICIPANTS HAD BEEN EXCLUDED. STRESSING THAT HE DID NOT KNOW EXACTLY WHAT HAD BEEN SAID AT THIS SESSION, KIMURA INTIMATED THAT ARAFAT HAD TOLD SUZUKI HOW IMPORTANT IT WAS THAT DIRECT LINE OF COMMUNICATION BE ESTABLISHED BETWEEN HIMSELF AND PRESIDENT REAGAN. HE SPECULATED THAT IN RETURN FOR A MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT, ARAFAT MIGHT BE PREPARED TO RECOGNIZE ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO EXIST. EMBOFF NOTED THAT IMPLICATION BY ARAFAT THAT PLO MIGHT RECOGNIZE ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO EXIST WAS NOT NEW AND SAID U.S.

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POSITION THAT PLO MUST ACCEPT RESOLUTION 242 AND
ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO EXIST BEFORE A U.S.-PLO DIALOGUE
COULD BEGIN WAS UNCHANGED.

4. KIMURA WAS GRATIFIED THAT U.S. PRESS HAD NOT PLAYED
UP ARAFAT VISIT. EMBOFF CALLED HIS ATTENTION TO OCTO-
BER 18 WASHINGTON POST EDITORIAL CRITICIZING PRIME
MINISTER SUZUKI FOR HAVING GIVEN ARAFAT A NOTABLE
POLITICAL VICTORY WHILE RECEIVING NOTHING AT ALL IN
RETURN. KIMURA RESPONDED THAT WASHINGTON POST WAS
MISTAKEN AS IT HAD NOT GIVEN CREDIT TO ARAFAT'S
APPARENT EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN A DIALOGUE WITH
THE U.S. KIMURA INSISTED THAT SUZUKI-ARAFAT CONVER-
SATION OFFSET ANY NEGATIVE EFFECTS STEMMING FROM
PUBLICITY GIVEN TO VISIT BY JAPANESE MEDIA. KIMURA
ALSO CITED SUZUKI'S EFFORT TO PERSUADE ARAFAT TO
RECOGNIZE ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO EXIST AND TO COOPERATE

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IN IMPLEMENTATION OF UN RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338
AS WELL AS ABSENCE OF ANY JAPANESE CONCESSIONS TO
ARAFAT AS POSITIVE ASPECTS OF VISIT.

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5. KIMURA AGREED THAT ASSASSINATION OF EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT SADAT HAD ROBBED JAPAN'S MIDDLE EAST POLICY OF THE BALANCE WHICH THE SUCCESSIVE VISITS TO JAPAN OF ARAFAT AND SADAT WERE INTENDED TO PROVIDE, BUT AVERRED THAT THE BALANCE WOULD BE RESTORED BY THE ANTICIPATED VISIT TO JAPAN OF SAUDI ARABIA'S PRINCE FAHD IN EARLY
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6. SHIFTING TO MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS, KIMURA SAID THAT THE EIGHT-POINT SAUDI MID-EAST PEACE PROPOSAL APPEARED TO BE AN APPROPRIATE VEHICLE FOR MOVING THE CAMP DAVID ACCORDS (CDA) INTO A "SECOND STAGE." EMBOFF SAID SAUDI EIGHT-POINT PROPOSAL CONTAINED SOME ELEMENTS WHICH DESERVED FURTHER EXPLORATION IN CONTEXT OF FINAL SETTLEMENT, BUT POINTED OUT TO KIMURA THAT IT WAS NOT A DOCUMENT WHICH COULD LEAD TO FURTHER PROGRESS IN THE CURRENT SITUATION AND IT WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE IF PLO OR ARABS WERE ENCOURAGED TO RALLY BEHIND IT AT THE ARAB SUMMIT IN LATE NOVEMBER. KIMURA ACKNOWLEDGED THAT IT WAS PREMATURE FOR THE U.S. OR JAPAN TO ENDORSE THE SAUDI EIGHT-POINT PROPOSAL BECAUSE OF THE UNEASINESS IT WOULD CAUSE IN ISRAEL AND THE CONSEQUENT UNSETTLING EFFECT IT MIGHT HAVE ON THE FINAL PHASE OF THE SINAI WITHDRAWAL, BUT SAID THE SAUDIS SHOULD BE DISCRETELY ENCOURAGED SO THAT THE EIGHT-POINT PROPOSAL COULD FORM THE BASIS OF THE NEXT PHASE OF THE CAMP DAVID PROCESS WHEN THE WITHDRAWAL WAS COMPLETED NEXT APRIL.
7. EMBOFF STRESSED THAT WE HOPED JAPAN WOULD DO WHAT IT COULD TO HELP ENSURE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EGYPT-ISRAEL TREATY, INCLUDING THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE ISRAELIS FROM THE SINAI ON SCHEDULE AND THE ACHIEVEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN THE AUTONOMY TALKS BY NEXT SPRING. KIMURA SAID THE SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CAMP DAVID ACCORDS, SPECIFICALLY THE SINAI

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WITHDRAWAL IN APRIL 1982, WAS CLEARLY THE MOST IMPORTANT NEXT STEP IN THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS. HE SAID THE ISRAELI AMBASSADOR HAD JUST TOLD HIM THAT "UNTOWARD DEVELOPMENTS" POSSIBLY FLOWING FROM THE ASSASSINATION OF EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT MIGHT
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HAVE AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON ISRAEL'S FINAL WITHDRAWAL FROM SINAI. KIMURA SAID THE ISRAELI AMBASSADOR'S ASSESSMENT HAD UNDERScoreD THE IMPORTANCE OF ALLOWING NOTHING TO HAPPEN TO GIVE ISRAEL AN EXCUSE TO RENEGE ON THE WITHDRAWAL. AT THE SAME TIME, KIMURA SAID, THE U.S. MUST BEGIN THINKING ABOUT THE NEXT STEP IN ACHIEVING ARAB-ISRAELI PEACE. IT WAS IMPORTANT TO FIND A WAY TO BRING OTHER ARAB STATES INTO THE CAMP DAVID PROCESS. KIMURA SAID THAT HE HAD URGED HENRY KISSINGER WHEN LATTER WAS SECRETARY OF STATE TO CONSIDER PROVIDING FOR A PALESTINIAN HOMELAND PERHAPS IN THE GAZA STRIP AND THOUGHT IT WAS WORTH CONSIDERING THIS IDEA ONCE AGAIN. SUCH AN ACTION WOULD HAVE A SIGNIFICANT PACIFYING EFFECT ON 85 OR 90 PERCENT OF THE PALESTINIANS AND WOULD IMPORTANTLY WEAKEN THE ABILITY OF THE PLO'S MORE EXTREMIST AFFILIATES TO CARRY ON THE STRUGGLE WITH ISRAEL.

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8. KIMURA SAID HE CONSIDERED THE MIDDLE EAST AMERICA'S MOST IMPORTANT FOREIGN POLICY PROBLEM. HE SAID THE U.S. HAD UNFORTUNATELY ALIENATED ITSELF FROM THE ARAB STATES, IN PART THROUGH ITS EXCESSIVE FOCUS ON MILITARY SECURITY, AND HAD THEREBY LEFT A DANGEROUS OPENING WHICH MIGHT BE EXPLOITED BY THE SOVIET UNION. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THE ARAB STATES MIGHT RESPOND TO THE EFFORTS OF THE U.S. TO PROJECT ITS MILITARY POWER INTO THE MIDDLE EAST REGION BY FORMING A REGIONAL DEFENSE ORGANIZATION AIMED AT EXCLUDING BOTH U.S. AND SOVIET MILITARY INFLUENCE.

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9. EMPHASIZING THAT HE WISHED TO SPEAK FRANKLY BUT HAD NO DESIRE TO BE CRITICAL, KIMURA SAID THAT IN ITS TWO MOST DRAMATIC FOREIGN POLICY FAILURES--IRAN AND

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VIETNAM--THE U.S. HAD OVER-EMPHASIZED MILITARY SOLUTIONS. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THE U.S. WAS NOW REPEATING ITS PAST MISTAKES IN THE MIDDLE EAST. HE SAID THAT IN IRAN THE U.S. HAD FAILED TO UNDERSTAND THE POLITICAL POWER OF ISLAMIC FUNDAMENTALISM. ITS DECISION TO SUPPORT THE BAKTIAR GOVERNMENT IN IRAN, WHICH WAS IN PART A PRODUCT OF THIS LACK OF UNDERSTANDING OF IRAN'S ISLAMIC MOVEMENT, HAD ULTIMATELY DIVIDED AND WEAKENED THE IRANIAN MILITARY, LEADING TO ITS BEING DESTROYED AS A FORCE FOR MODERATION IN IRAN.

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10. [REDACTED] ONLY WAY FOR THE U.S. TO AVOID
A REPETITION OF SUCH TRAGIC EXPERIENCES WAS TO EXPAND

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ITS DIALOGUE WITH THE ARABS. HE RECOGNIZED THAT AS SUCH MOVES WOULD CAUSE THE ISRAELIS SOME UNEASINESS AND POSSIBLY SOME LOSS OF CONFIDENCE IN THE U.S., THEY WOULD HAVE TO BE POSTPONED UNTIL AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE FINAL SINAI WITHDRAWAL. HE BELIEVED THAT ISRAEL'S RECOGNITION THAT IT HAD NO ALTERNATIVE ULTIMATELY BUT TO RELY ON THE U.S. FOR ITS SECURITY WOULD IN THE LONG RUN PREVENT IT FROM SERIOUSLY OBSTRUCTING A COMPREHENSIVE MIDDLE EAST PEACE AGREEMENT.

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11. COMMENT: KIMURA, AS THE MAJOR ORGANIZER OF THE ARAFAT VISIT, IS CLEARLY INTERESTED IN JUSTIFYING HIS EFFORTS BY CLAIMING THAT IT HAD SOME POSITIVE ASPECTS. THEREFORE, WE FIND IT STRIKING THAT ALL HE CAN COME UP WITH IS SPECULATION ABOUT SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE BEEN ASSURED BY THE GOJ DID NOT OCCUR: AN EXPRESSION BY ARAFAT OF HIS WILLINGNESS TO RECOGNIZE THE RIGHT OF ISRAEL TO EXIST. KIMURA APPEARED MORE SUBDUED AND CAUTIOUS THAN HE HAD BEEN WHEN DISCUSSING THE MIDDLE EAST WITH US BEFORE THE VISIT. HE IS CLEARLY RELIEVED THAT THE VISIT WENT OFF WITHOUT INCIDENT, BUT HE APPEARS DISAPPOINTED THAT THERE IS LITTLE POSITIVE TO POINT TO. MORE SIGNIFICANTLY, KIMURA SEEMS TO HAVE A NEW APPRECIATION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTING THE CAMP DAVID AGREEMENT, AND PARTICULARLY THE SINAI WITHDRAWAL, WITHOUT INTRODUCING ANY UNSETTLING ELEMENTS SUCH AS THE SAUDI EIGHT-POINT PROPOSAL. HE SEEMS, HOWEVER, TO HAVE FIXED ON THE SAUDI PROPOSAL AS A POSSIBLE NEXT STEP IN THE CAMP DAVID PROCESS AND THROUGH HIS DIETMEN'S
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ASSOCIATION FOR JAPAN-PALESTINE FRIENDSHIP MAY PRESS THIS VIEW ON THE GOJ AT A LATER DATE.
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SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST SPEECH DRAFT

1. SECRET - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. ATTACHED IS THE LATEST S/P MIDDLE EAST SPEECH DRAFT, PRECEDED BY AN ACCOMPANYING COVER NOTE TO THE SECRETARY.
3. TEXT OF ACCOMPANYING COVER NOTE TO THE SECRETARY:
QUOTE: ATTACHED IS S/P'S THIRD DRAFT OF YOUR COMPREHENSIVE MIDDLE EAST SPEECH. THIS DRAFT FOLDS IN YOUR OWN COMMENTS, AS WELL AS NUMEROUS ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS FROM NEA, BUD MCFARLANE, AND HARVEY SICHERMAN. IN ADDITION TO TIGHTENING AND POLISHING THE PREVIOUS DRAFT, WE HAVE ADDED SOME INTERESTING NEW MATERIAL TO GIVE THE SPEECH ADDITIONAL DEPTH AND SOPHISTICATION. (1) WE HAVE DESCRIBED THE DRAMATIC WAY WHICH THE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS INTERRELATE: THE CON-

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TRACTING OF US FORWARD PRESENCE IN THE REGION; THE CONCOMITANT INCREASE IN SOVIET AND SOVIET PROXY CAPABILITIES; THE GRADUAL WEAKENING OF THE ONCE FORMIDABLE NORTHERN TIER BARRIER; AND THE UNFORTUNATELY SIMULTANEOUS GROWTH OF

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WESTERN DEPENDENCE ON PERSIAN GULF OIL. (2) WE HAVE SOUGHT TO DEMONSTRATE THE POLITICAL AND STRATEGIC INTERCONNECTIONS THAT EXIST BETWEEN NORTH AFRICA, THE EASTERN

MEDITERRANEAN AND THE INDIAN OCEAN. WE BELIEVE THERE IS STILL GREAT CONFUSION ABOUT THE EXTENT TO WHICH EVENTS IN ONE THEATER AFFECT THOSE IN ANOTHER, AND ABOUT THE NEED FOR A STRATEGY THAT REFLECTS THIS CENTRAL FACT. SINCE THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE BILL IS NOW MOVING INTO ITS CRITICAL PHASE, WE THOUGHT IT WISE TO MAKE THE FURTHER POINT THAT RESOURCES ARE ESSENTIAL TO TRANSFORM OUR STRATEGIC CONCEPT INTO A WORKING REALITY. (3) WE HAVE BEEFED UP THE PEACE PROCESS SECTION TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL MATERIAL ON THE MFO AND THE MORE ELABORATE ARGUMENT DESIGNED TO ADDRESS OUR CRITICS ON THE ISSUE OF TALKS WITH THE PLO. (4) FINALLY, IN RESPONSE TO YOUR SUGGESTION, WE HAVE EXPANDED THE TREATMENT OF TURKEY.

4. WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF ADDITIONAL POLISHING AS WE AWAIT INFORMATION ON THE "HARD NEWS" ELEMENTS OF THE SPEECH, I.E., ACTION ON LIBYAN OIL, SECURITY ASSISTANCE SUPPLEMENTAL, AND HIGH LEVEL INVOLVEMENT IN THE AUTONOMY TALKS. END QUOTE.

5. TEXT OF SPEECH. QUOTE: PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE MIDDLE EAST -- THE REINFORCING RELATIONSHIP.

6. IN THE PAST TEN MONTHS, DRAMATIC EVENTS HAVE RIVETED THE ATTENTION OF THE WHOLE WORLD ON THE MIDDLE EAST. WE
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HAVE WITNESSED THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT SADAT; VIOLENT CLASHES FOLLOWED BY A FRAGILE CEASE-FIRE IN LEBANON; THE ISRAELI RAID ON THE IRAQI NUCLEAR REACTOR; LIBYAN AIR RAIDS ON SUDAN; AND AN ALLIANCE BETWEEN LIBYA, ETHIOPIA AND SOUTH YEMEN AIMED AT MODERATE STATES OF THE REGION.

7. IN THE MIDDLE EAST, WHERE CRISES OCCUR WITH UNFORTUNATE REGULARITY, U.S. POLICY MUST EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED. BUT ONE THING THAT CANNOT CHANGE IS THE NEED FOR U.S. POLICY TO PURSUE EQUALLY THE TWIN GOALS OF PEACE AND SECURITY.

8. U.S. POLICY IN THE MIDDLE EAST MUST BE FOUNDED ON THE FUNDAMENTAL REALITIES OF THE REGION. IT IS NOT ENOUGH TO FOCUS ON THE MILITARY AND POLITICAL CRISES OF THE MOMENT. WE NEED THE PERSPECTIVE OF HISTORY, AND A FEEL FOR THE

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INTANGIBLE AS WELL -- PARTICULARLY IN A REGION SO RICH IN MYSTERY AND PARADOX; SO FULL OF STARK CONTRASTS AND PROFOUND COMPLEXITY.

-- THE MIDDLE EAST IS KNOWN FOR VIOLENCE, BUT ALSO FOR DEEP SPIRITUALITY. FROM ITS SOIL THREE GREAT RELIGIONS HAVE ARISEN; AND POWERFUL RELIGIOUS CURRENTS STILL FLOW.

-- TODAY'S MIDDLE EAST IS THE SCENE OF SHARP NEW CONTRASTS: BETWEEN FINANCIAL POWER AND MILITARY WEAKNESS, BETWEEN A TRADITION OF SELF-DENIAL AND THE REALITY OF VAST NEW MATERIAL RICHES. YET TODAY, AS IN THE PAST, WE FIND THAT DEEDS COUNT FOR MORE THAN BARE LEGALISMS; AND THAT PERSONALITIES OVERSHADOW INSTITUTIONAL FORMS.

-- OUR COMMITMENTS TO FRIENDS, TO PEACEFUL DEVELOPMENT, AND TO REGIONAL STABILITY PREDATE AND TRANSCEND OUR CONCERN FOR OIL. YET THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS REGION AS A SOURCE OF ENERGY FOR THE INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACIES HAS MADE IT THE OBJECT OF INCREASING SOVIET PRESSURE AND A TRULY VITAL CONCERN OF THE U.S. AND OUR ALLIES.

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-- THE RANGE OF OUR INTERESTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS MATCHED BY THE ARRAY OF THREATS THAT PUT THEM IN JEOPARDY. THE TENSIONS BETWEEN ANCIENT TRADITION AND MODERN PROGRESS GENERATE VIOLENCE AND INSTABILITY. THOSE SOURCES OF DISCONTENT ARE EXPLOITED BY THE SOVIETS AND THEIR CLIENTS, WHOSE WEAPONS INTIMIDATE OUR FRIENDS AND ARM THE FORCES OF TERROR. THE IRANIAN REVOLUTION, THE IRAN-IRAQ WAR, AND THE SOVIET INVASION OF AFGHANISTAN REMIND US THAT EVEN IF THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT WERE SOLVED, THERE WOULD BE MANY THREATS TO OUR FRIENDS AND TO OUR INTERESTS.

9. THE DANGERS OF A SIMPLISTIC APPROACH TO A COMPLEX AREA. U.S. POLICY FOR THE MIDDLE EAST MUST REFLECT THE COMPLEXITY OF THE REGION ITSELF. YET, AS SO OFTEN HAPPENS; WHEN PROBLEMS PROVE DIFFICULT TO SOLVE, SEDUCTIVE VOICES OFFER SEEMINGLY SIMPLE "SOLUTIONS." TWO SUCH SOLUTIONS THAT ARE POPULAR TODAY.

10. ONE GROUP SAYS OUR PROBLEMS IN THE REGION ARE PREDOMINANTLY "POLITICAL." FROM THIS, CERTAIN ANSWERS APPEAR TO FOLLOW. IF VIOLENCE IS USED TO UNDERCUT THE PROSPECTS FOR PEACE, PERHAPS NEW POLITICAL DIALOGUES WILL DISSIPATE

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VIOLENCE. IF PAST PROCESSES SEEM TOO SLOW, PERHAPS A RADICALLY NEW APPROACH WILL WORK BETTER. IF THE RISKS OUR FRIENDS ARE WILLING TO TAKE FOR PEACE SEEM SMALL IN CONTRAST TO OUR ULTIMATE DESIRES, PERHAPS OVERT POLITICAL PRESSURE WILL BRING ABOUT GREATER FLEXIBILITY.

11. OTHERS SEE THE PROBLEM AS LARGELY MILITARY, STEMMING FROM AN EROSION OF WESTERN STRENGTH. STARTING FROM THIS PREMISE, THEY STRIKE OUT BOLDLY -- BUT ALSO SINGLEMIND-EDLY -- TO DEAL WITH THE ROOT OF THE PROBLEM. THEIR PRE-

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SCRIPTIONS RANGE FROM A SWIFT AND MASSIVE INCREASE OF U.S. FORCE IN THE REGION, TO PLANS TO THREATEN THE INTERESTS OF OUR ADVERSARIES IN FAR-FLUNG REGIONS OF THE WORLD.

MENTED "POLITICAL STRATEGIES" TURN OUT TO BE PRESCRIPTIONS FOR PRESSURING FRIENDS AND CONCILIATING FOES, PRESCRIPTIONS THAT REWARD THE MOST RADICAL AND IMMODERATE AND IGNORE THE GENUINE DANGERS FACING THE FRIENDS OF PEACE. CONVERSELY, TOO MANY OF THE "MILITARY SOLUTIONS" NEGLECT THE POLITICAL UNDERPINNINGS OF REGIONAL PROBLEMS AND ARE THEREBY DOOMED TO FAIL OR TO EXACERBATE THE VERY INSECURITY THEY ARE INTENDED TO REMOVE.

13. NEVERTHELESS, BOTH THESE COMPETING SCHOOLS HAVE THEIR HANDS ON IMPORTANT -- IF PARTIAL -- TRUTHS. WE MUST STRENGTHEN OUR MILITARY CAPABILITY TO PROTECT OUR INTERESTS IN THE REGION. AND WE MUST EXPLOIT DIPLOMACY TO DIMINISH REGIONAL ANTAGONISMS, OR ELSE RADICAL OPPORTUNITIES WILL GROW. THESE TWO EFFORTS GO HAND-IN-HAND. THE RISKS OF MAKING PEACE CAN BE REDUCED IF THE FRIENDS OF PEACE ARE MADE MORE SECURE. AND RESOLVING SOME OF THE DIFFERENCES AMONG OUR FRIENDS WILL REDUCE THE OBSTACLES TO SECURITY COOPERATION.

14. THE CHALLENGE FACING THE UNITED STATES TODAY IS THEREFORE TO PURSUE A COHERENT POLICY IN A REGION WHERE THE ARAB-ISRAELI DISPUTE DIVIDES OUR CLOSEST FRIENDS AND WHERE THE SOVIETS AND THEIR PROXIES THREATEN OUR VITAL INTERESTS.

15. THE REALITIES OF THE PRESENT. THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION'S STRATEGY IS CONSTRUCTED IN RECOGNITION OF THE REGION'S DEEP COMPLEXITIES. IT DEPENDS EQUALLY ON THOUGHTFUL AND COURAGEOUS DIPLOMACY AND ON EFFECTIVE MILITARY STRENGTH; ON ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AND POLITICAL STEADINESS;

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INSTRUMENTS APPROPRIATE TO THE OCCASION AT HAND. AND IT IS
FOUNDED ON FIVE BASIC FACTS DRAWN FROM OUR EXPERIENCE OVER
THE PAST SEVERAL DECADES.

16. FIRST, IS THAT THE BALANCE OF POWER BETWEEN THE U.S.
AND THE SOVIET UNION IN THE REGION HAS CHANGED DRAMATICALLY
TO OUR DISADVANTAGE. OUR FORWARD PRESENCE SHRANK, OUR
ACCESS RIGHTS DETERIORATED, AND OUR AVAILABLE AIR ROUTES
DECLINED, AT THE SAME TIME THAT THE CRITICAL "NORTHERN
TIER" BARRIERS TO SOVIET EXPANSION INTO THE AREA WERE
ERODING. THE FALL OF THE SHAH AND THE SOVIET INVASION OF
AFGHANISTAN ARE THE MOST DRAMATIC EXAMPLES. BUT THE WEAK-
NESS IN TURKEY AND PAKISTAN -- THE RESULT OF ECONOMIC AND
POLITICAL TURMOIL AND MILITARY OBSOLESCENCE -- MUST NOT BE
OVERLOOKED.

17. THE EROSION OF THESE BARRIERS HAS OCCURRED AGAINST A
BACKDROP OF GROWING SOVIET CAPABILITY TO PROJECT POWER;
BURGEONING SOVIET AND SOVIET PROXY INFRASTRUCTURE AND ACCESS
IN AND AROUND THE REGION IN SOUTH YEMEN, ETHIOPIA, SYRIA
AND LIBYA; AND MORE IMPRESSIVE SOVIET NAVAL PRESENCE IN THE
ARABIAN AND RED SEAS. TAKEN TOGETHER, THE RELATIVE DECLINE
IN OUR ACCESS TO THE REGION AND THE GROWTH IN THE SOVIETS'
HAVE REVERSED THE SITUATION OF THE 1950S, WHEN THE U.S.
COULD PROJECT MORE POWER RAPIDLY TO THE PERSIAN GULF THAN
COULD THE SOVIET UNION. WE CANNOT REVERSE THIS SITUATION
OVERNIGHT, BUT WE CAN AND MUST STEADILY IMPROVE IT.

18. SECOND, IS THE FACT THAT YEARS AND DECADES OF HOS-
TILITY CANNOT BE PUT ASIDE OVERNIGHT. ONLY BY CONCRETE
ACTS OF CONCILIATION, NOT BY PIECES OF PAPER OR VERBAL
FORMULAS, CAN PAST HOSTILITY BE OVERCOME. AMERICAN POLICY
OVER THE PAST DECADE, UNDER FOUR PRESIDENTS OF BOTH POLI-
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TICAL PARTIES, HAS BEEN COMMITTED TO THE STEP-BY-STEP
APPROACH TO PEACE; AND HAS DEMONSTRATED THAT IT CAN WORK.
PRESIDENT SADAT'S DRAMATIC JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM, AND

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ISRAEL'S WITHDRAWAL FROM THE SINAI, HAVE SHOWN THAT SOME STEPS CAN BE GIANT ONES. BUT THE GROWTH OF PEACE WILL TAKE TIME AND THE MUTUAL BUILDING OF CONFIDENCE THROUGH TANGIBLE CONCESSIONS ON BOTH SIDES. AND, BECAUSE IT WILL ENTAIL RISKS FOR THOSE WHO PARTICIPATE, IT WILL REQUIRE RELIABLE SECURITY SAFEGUARDS.

19. THIRD, IS THE FACT THAT THE NATIONS OF THE REGION CANNOT ALONE PROVIDE THE SECURITY NEEDED TO PROTECT BOTH THE PEACE PROCESS AND BROADER U.S. INTERESTS IN THE REGION. THE HOPES THAT UNDERLAY THE BRITISH WITHDRAWAL FROM THE PERSIAN GULF AND OVERLY RIGID APPLICATION OF OUR OWN "GUAM DOCTRINE" ARE UNREALISTIC IN THE FACE OF VIOLENT ASSAULTS BY SOVIET PROXIES OR BY THE SOVIET UNION ITSELF.

20. BUT WE CANNOT AND SHOULD NOT RETURN TO THE ERA OF FACTS AND EXTRATERRITORIAL RIGHTS, MUCH LESS TO NEO-COLONIAL DEPENDENCIES. OUR FRIENDS INSIST ON CONTRIBUTING TO THEIR OWN DEFENSE -- AND IT IS IN OUR INTEREST THAT THEY DO SO. HOWEVER, THERE ARE THREATS IN THE MIDDLE EAST THAT ARE TOO BIG FOR OUR FRIENDS TO HANDLE BY THEMSELVES; INDEED, MANY OF THEM RECOGNIZED THIS LONG BEFORE WE DID. THEY WANT NOT THE OVERBEARING HAND OF DOMINATION, BUT REINVIGORATED U.S. LEADERSHIP AND REASSURANCE THAT OUR POST-VIETNAM DOUBTS ARE OVER.

21. THE FOURTH FACT IS THE POLITICAL AND STRATEGIC INTERDEPENDENCE OF DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE REGION. STATES LIKE

MOROCCO AND SAUDI ARABIA, SEPARATED BY GREAT DISTANCE, FEEL A COMMON BOND AND MUTUAL CONCERNS. NOT ONLY THEIR DEVOTION TO ISLAM BINDS THEM, BUT A COMMON BELIEF THAT THE SUBVERSION OF ANY CONSERVATIVE REGIME BODES ILL FOR THEM ALL.

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22. NOR SHOULD WE LOSE SIGHT OF THE STRATEGIC LOGIC THAT DRAWS NORTH AFRICA, THE FERTILE CRESCENT, THE RED SEA, AND THE PERSIAN GULF TOGETHER. MAINTAINING A STRONG POSITION IN THE NORTH AFRICAN LITTORAL, THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN, AND THE RED SEA IS CRITICAL FOR OUR ACCESS TO THE GULF IN A CRISIS. A STRONG SOUTHERN FLANK OF NATO IS ESSENTIAL TO DETER SOVIET THREATS AGAINST IRAN (AND THROUGH IT TO THE GULF) AND TO BLOCK SOVIET BOMBER THREATS AGAINST OUR FLEET. STRATEGIC COOPERATION WITH ISRAEL AND EGYPT IS CRITICAL TO COUNTER SOVIET THREATS IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN AND

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ALONG THE NORTH AFRICAN COAST. THE LESSON FOR US IS TO THINK ABOUT THE REGION NOT IN ITS SEPARATE PARTS BUT AS AN INTEGRATED WHOLE.

23. FINALLY, THE LAST BASIC FACT ON WHICH U.S. POLICY MUST BE BUILT IS THE EMERGING CONSENSUS THAT THE SOVIET UNION POSES A REAL THREAT TO THE INDEPENDENCE OF ALL STATES IN THE REGION. EVEN SOME RADICAL STATES ARE STARTING TO PERCEIVE THAT THEY WILL HAVE TO PAY WITH THEIR INDEPENDENCE IF THEY WANT SOVIET SUPPORT FOR THEIR AMBITIONS.

24. THIS "STRATEGIC CONSENSUS" IS A FACT, NOT A FIGMENT OF OUR IMAGINATION. IT IS NOT -- AND COULD NOT BE -- CREATED IN WASHINGTON. IT IS CREATED BY SOVIET BEHAVIOR AND BY LOCAL COUNTRIES' RECOGNITION OF THAT BEHAVIOR. INDEED, MANY OF OUR FRIENDS IN THE REGION WERE FAR AHEAD OF US IN RECOGNIZING THE DANGER POSED BY SOVIET POWER AND WERE SURPRISED AND DISTURBED AT U.S. FAILURE TO SEE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF EVENTS LIKE THE INTERVENTION OF 15,000 CUBAN AND SOVIET TROOPS IN ETHIOPIA, DIRECTLY OPPOSITE SUDAN AND SAUDI ARABIA.

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25. "STRATEGIC CONSENSUS" DOES NOT MEAN THAT ALL OTHER CONCERNS ARE FORGOTTEN OR EVEN THAT THE SOVIET THREAT IS THE FIRST PRIORITY. BUT IT DOES MEAN AN UNPRECEDENTED DESIRE FOR AMERICAN STRENGTH AND LEADERSHIP AS A COUNTERVAILING FORCE. IT MEANS A STRENGTHENED LOCAL INTEREST IN SECURITY COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED STATES. AND IT MEANS A WIDESPREAD RECOGNITION THAT PEACE IS IN THE INTERESTS OF ALL THOSE WHO WOULD PRESERVE THEIR INDEPENDENCE, AND THAT CONFLICT ONLY SERVES THE INTERESTS OF THE SOVIETS AND THEIR CLIENTS.

26. PRESIDENT SADAT WAS ONE OF THE FIRST TO RECOGNIZE THE THREAT POSED BY THE SOVIET UNION, WHICH INDEED PROVIDED A MAJOR IMPETUS TO HIS PEACE EFFORTS. ISRAEL HAS UNDERSTOOD THIS REALITY THROUGHOUT ITS TURBULENT HISTORY. MOST RECENTLY, THE INVOLVEMENT OF ISRAEL, LEBANON, AND SAUDI ARABIA IN THE NEGOTIATION OF THE CEASEFIRE IN LEBANON, DEMONSTRATES THAT THIS CONSENSUS IS A FACT, AND ONE ON WHICH EFFECTIVE PEACE DIPLOMACY CAN BE STRUCTURED. THERE ARE VILLAGERS IN LEBANON, AND FARMERS IN ISRAEL, WHO ARE ALIVE TODAY, THANKS TO THAT FACT.

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27. THE ELEMENTS OF AN INTEGRATED APPROACH. BUILDING ON THESE FACTS, PRESIDENT REAGAN'S MIDDLE EAST POLICY SEEKS TO PROTECT AND PROMOTE U.S. INTERESTS THROUGH COMPREHENSIVE AND BALANCED EFFORTS IN THREE BROAD AREAS: PROMOTING PEACE; STRENGTHENING SECURITY; AND REDUCING WESTERN VULNERABILITY TO ENERGY DISRUPTIONS.

28. OUR STRATEGY INTEGRATES THOSE ELEMENTS, NO ONE OF WHICH CAN BE NEGLECTED IF THE OTHERS ARE TO SUCCEED. WE MUST HELP FRIENDLY STATES TO DEAL WITH RADICAL AND TERRORIST THREATS, IF THEY ARE TO HAVE THE CONFIDENCE NEEDED TO JOIN THE QUEST FOR PEACE. WE MUST TANGIBLY DEMONSTRATE THE DURABILITY OF OUR REGIONAL COMMITMENTS, IF THE GUARANTEES WE OFFER FOR PEACE ARE TO BE CONVINCING. AND WE MUST

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MAKE PROGRESS TOWARD PEACE, OR OUR FRIENDS WILL REMAIN VULNERABLE AND DIVIDED.

29. THE INTERLOCKING OBJECTIVES OF OUR STRATEGY CANNOT BE ACHIEVED ALL AT ONCE BY A SINGLE MASTER STROKE; BUT, BY A LARGE NUMBER OF SPECIFIC STEPS, WE ARE SEEKING TO BRING THEM CLOSER TO REALITY.

30. PROMOTING PEACE. AS A COUNTRY AND AS A PEOPLE, WE HAVE LONG BEEN COMMITTED TO ACHIEVING A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. RALPH BUNCHE HELPED TO NEGOTIATE THE ORIGINAL ARMISTICES IN 1948 AND 1949. THE U.S. WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN CRAFTING UN RESOLUTION 242 AFTER THE 1967 WAR. SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER'S "SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY," AFTER THE 1973 WAR, HELPED TO PRODUCE THE DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENTS IN THE SINAI AND ON THE GOLAN, WITHOUT WHICH PRESIDENT SADAT'S MISSION TO JERUSALEM AND THE CAMP DAVID ACCORDS MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE.

31. CAMP DAVID REPRESENTED AN EXTRAORDINARY MILESTONE BRINGING PEACE BETWEEN THE MOST POWERFUL ARAB STATE AND ISRAEL AND PROVIDING THE OUTLINES OF A SETTLEMENT FOR THE

ACHIEVABLE PROGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT HAS REAFFIRMED OUR COMMITMENT TO IT.

32. ALL OF OUR EXPERIENCE IN PEACEMAKING IN THE AREA HAS TAUGHT US THAT THE PROCESS OF BUILDING PEACE IS AN ARDUOUS ONE AND THAT THERE ARE NO SIMPLE OR PERFECT SOLUTIONS JUST WAITING TO BE GRASPED. THOSE WHO SEEK SUCH

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SOLUTIONS ARE DOOMED TO DISAPPOINTMENT. AS FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT ONCE SAID, "PERFECTIONISM, NO LESS THAN ISOLATIONISM OR IMPERIALISM... OBSTRUCTS THE PATH TO INTER-SECRET

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NATIONAL PEACE." WE WON'T BE OBSTRUCTED FROM SEEKING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND WE WON'T BE DISSUADED SIMPLY BECAUSE THE TASK IS DIFFICULT. LIKE OUR PREDECESSORS, WE SEEK PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE REGION; AND WE ARE DETERMINED TO BUILD ON THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS TO MOVE FORWARD IN THREE IMPORTANT AREAS: (1) COMPLETING THE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM SINAI; (2) COMPLETING THE AUTONOMY NEGOTIATIONS; AND (3) PROMOTING PEACE IN LEBANON.

33. SINAI WITHDRAWAL. WE CANNOT HOPE TO MAKE PROGRESS TOWARD PEACE IF WE TAKE PROGRESS FOR GRANTED. THE PEACEFUL ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM THE SINAI, AFTER FOURTEEN YEARS OF OCCUPATION, IS AN EVENT WITH FEW HISTORICAL PARALLELS. IT IS A BOLD STEP BY ISRAEL, THAT DEMONSTRATES ISRAEL'S CONVICTION THAT THE LONG-TERM SECURITY PROVIDED BY NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH EGYPT IS WORTH THE RISK OF GIVING UP MAJOR MILITARY ASSETS AND THE PAIN ENTAILED IN UPROOTING ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS.

34. IN RECOGNITION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS NEXT STEP IN THE PEACE PROCESS -- AND TO GIVE ISRAEL CONFIDENCE IN OUR COMMITMENT TO THE AGREEMENTS -- PRESIDENT REAGAN HAS AGREED TO CONTRIBUTE U.S. FORCES TO THE MULTINATIONAL FORCE AND OBSERVERS (MFO) IN THE SINAI. WITHOUT THE MFO AND OUR COMMITMENT TO IT, FURTHER ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL -- AND THE PEACE PROCESS ITSELF -- COULD BE JEOPARDIZED.

35. WE ARE GRATIFIED THAT A NUMBER OF OUR EUROPEAN ALLIES -- THE BRITISH, FRENCH, ITALIANS AND BELGIANS -- HAVE ALSO DECIDED TO JOIN THE MFO. PLAYING A ROLE IN GUARANTEEING PEACE AGREEMENTS IN THE AREA IS BOTH FITTING AND PROPER FOR OUR ALLIES. PRESIDENT SADAT'S DEATH, AS WELL AS THE EUROPEAN UNDERSTANDING OF OUR COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES IN ENSURING PEACE, HELPED TO GALVANIZE OUR ALLIES' DECISION TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE MFO. AND WE ARE INVOLVED AS A FULL PARTNER IN THE NEGOTIATIONS.

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TO FACILITATE PROGRESS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS AND TO UNDERSCORE OUR COMMITMENT TO ACHIEVING AN AGREEMENT ON AUTONOMY, (SOME ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT ELEVATING U.S. PARTICIPATION.)

37. THE CURRENT DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE EGYPTIANS AND ISRAELIS REFLECT THEIR MUTUAL INTEREST IN MAKING MEANINGFUL PROGRESS AND THEIR JOINT DETERMINATION TO REACH AN AGREEMENT. WE ARE MORE THAN EVER COMMITTED TO HELPING THEM IN THIS EFFORT.

38. WE DON'T EXPECT MIRACLES, BUT WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT AN AGREEMENT PROVIDING FULL AUTONOMY FOR THE PALESTINIANS ON THE WEST BANK AND GAZA WILL BE REACHED. WHEN THEY HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXAMINE WHAT AUTONOMY OFFERS -- WHEN CONTRASTED WITH THEIR CURRENT SITUATION AND THE ABSENCE OF REALISTIC ALTERNATIVES -- WE BELIEVE THE PALESTINIANS IN THE WEST BANK AND GAZA WILL BE ABLE TO SEE FOR THEMSELVES THAT THEIR INTERESTS WILL BE BEST SERVED BY JOINING THE PROCESS AND NOT BY STAYING REMOVED FROM IT.

39. LEBANON. WE HAVE ALREADY PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE IN UNDOING THE IMMINENT THREAT OF WAR AND INITIATING THE SLOW AND FRAGILE PROCESS OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION IN LEBANON. WE ARE WORKING DILIGENTLY TO PRESERVE THE CEASEFIRE AND AMBASSADOR PHILIP HABIB WILL BE RETURNING TO THE AREA IN NOVEMBER TO PURSUE HIS MISSION OF DEALING WITH THE CAUSES OF THE RECURRING HOSTILITIES ALONG THE LEBANESE-ISRAELI BORDER.

40. PROGRESS IN LEBANON WILL REDUCE THE TOLL OF HUMAN SUFFERING IN THAT WAR-SHATTERED COUNTRY. IT IS ALSO VITAL BECAUSE VIOLENCE IN LEBANON COMPLICATES OUR EFFORTS TO MAKE PROGRESS ON OTHER FRONTS OF THE PEACE PROCESS.

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41. WE ARE UNDER NO ILLUSIONS. THE PATH TO PEACE IS NEITHER SIMPLE NOR DEVOID OF RISKS. BUT MUCH HAS BEEN ACHIEVED ALREADY, AND MUCH MORE CAN BE ACHIEVED BY A PATIENT AND PERSISTENT APPROACH TO THE PEACE PROCESS.

42. THERE ARE THOSE WHO OPPOSE SUCH AN APPROACH, WHO PERSIST IN BELIEVING THAT A COMPREHENSIVE SOLUTION IS IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE. THEY WOULD HAVE US INVOLVE GROUPS LIKE THE PLO THAT ARE UNABLE OR UNWILLING TO MAKE A COMMITMENT

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ELEMENTAL TO THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS.

THE FACT THAT THE CHOICE OF DIALOGUE HAS BEEN THE PLO'S ALL ALONG. THEY, NOT WE, HAVE REFUSED TO EXERCISE THIS CHOICE. BY BEING UNABLE OR UNWILLING TO RECOGNIZE SOMETHING AS BASIC AS ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO EXIST AND UN RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338, THE PLO HAS DEMONSTRATED THAT IT IS INCAPABLE OF MAKING PEACE. INDEED IT IS INCAPABLE OF REACHING INTERNAL AGREEMENT ON WHAT IS MINIMALLY ACCEPTABLE, LET ALONE ACCEPTING THE BASIC PRINCIPLE OF NEGOTIATIONS AND CO-EXISTENCE WITH ISRAEL.

44. THERE CAN BE NO RELAXATION OF THIS PRINCIPLE; PEACE IS IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT IT. IF THE PEACE PROCESS IS TO GO FORWARD, IT MUST EMBODY THIS PRINCIPLE AND IT MUST BE CHARACTERIZED BY A SPIRIT OF RECONCILIATION AND COMPROMISE. WE CAN NEITHER CREATE THIS SPIRIT NOR IMPOSE PEACE. IF LOCAL COUNTRIES HAVE THE WILL TO MAKE PEACE, WE CAN MAKE IT EASIER FOR THEM TO DO SO BY REDUCING THE RISKS THEY ARE SURE TO RUN AS TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS ARE MADE AND AS RADICALS WITHIN THE REGION THREATEN INEVITABLE RETALIATION.

45. THAT IS WHY BUILDING CONFIDENCE IN US AND IN OUR GUARANTEES IS SO IMPORTANT. WE CAN'T MAKE THE DEEPLY-ROOTED DIFFERENCES THAT DIVIDE THE PARTIES DISAPPEAR. ONLY THEY CAN DO THIS BY DEMONSTRATING THEIR COMMITMENT TO PEACE

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AND BY BEING WILLING TO ENGAGE IN THE SLOW AND OFTEN PAINSTAKING PROCESS OF NEGOTIATION. WE CAN, HOWEVER, MAKE IT SAFE FOR THEM TO NEGOTIATE; MAKE IT SAFE FOR THEM TO COM-PROMISE; AND MAKE IT SAFE FOR THEM TO ABIDE BY THE TERMS OF ANY SETTLEMENT. WE CAN DO THIS AND WE WILL.

46. STRENGTHENING SECURITY. EVEN IF WE COULD RESOLVE THE ARAB-ISRAELI DISPUTE IMMEDIATELY, THE MIDDLE EAST WOULD REMAIN WRACKED WITH CONFLICT AND OUR FRIENDS AND VITAL INTERESTS WOULD STILL BE EXPOSED TO SEVERE DANGERS. IN DEED, PROGRESS TOWARD PEACE ITSELF WILL BE MOST UNCERTAIN IF INTERNAL STRESSES AND THREATS COMPOUND THE UNAVOIDABLE RISKS OF THE PEACE PROCESS. WE THEREFORE MUST NOT ONLY FURTHER THE PEACE PROCESS, BUT ACT THROUGH A BROAD RANGE OF POLICIES TO: (1) ADDRESS LOCAL CAUSES OF INSTABILITY; (2) OPPOSE SOVIET PROXIES; AND (3) COUNTER SOVIET POWER.

47. ADDRESSING LOCAL CAUSES OF INSTABILITY. ALL TOO

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FREQUENTLY, THE NATIONS OF THE MIDDLE EAST ARE IMAGINED AWASH IN OIL WEALTH. BUT, IN FACT, THE VAST MAJORITY OF PEOPLE IN THE AREA LIVE IN GRINDING POVERTY, TOO EASILY EXPLOITED BY THOSE SEEKING TO FOMENT INSTABILITY. IN NORTH YEMEN, FOR EXAMPLE, ONLY ONE CHILD IN FOUR WILL SURVIVE IS LITERATE. IN EGYPT, THE AVERAGE ANNUAL INCOME IS LESS THAN \$450; IN PAKISTAN, LESS THAN \$300. EVEN ISRAEL, PROVERBIAL FOR HAVING MADE THE DESERT BLOOM AND CREATING AN ADVANCED TECHNOLOGICAL ECONOMY, SUFFERS FROM ONE-HUNDRED PERCENT INFLATION AND THE BURDEN OF LARGE BUT ESSENTIAL DEFENSE EXPENDITURES.

48. ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE IS THEREFORE VITAL TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR A BETTER LIFE. U.S. AID PROGRAMS ARE TAILORED TO HELP THE POORER COUNTRIES OF THE MIDDLE EAST
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ATTACK THE BASIC CONSTRAINTS ON ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. FOR EXAMPLE:

- IN MOROCCO, WE FOSTER BASIC JOB SKILLS THROUGH VOCATIONAL AND AGRICULTURAL TRAINING PROJECTS.
- OUR HEALTH PROGRAM IN NORTH YEMEN PROVIDES BASIC HEALTH TRAINING AND VILLAGE-LEVEL HEALTH CARE SERVICES IN THE POOREST AREAS OF THE COUNTRY.
- IN RURAL EGYPT, WE HAVE PROJECTS TO EXPAND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND INCREASE INCOMES.
- IN PAKISTAN, WHERE MOST OF THE POPULATION DEPENDS ON FARMING FOR A LIVELIHOOD, OUR ASSISTANCE WILL FOCUS ON INCREASING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION.

49. OPPOSING SOVIET PROXIES. IN ADDITION TO THESE EFFORTS TO REMOVE SOME OF THE SOURCES OF INTERNAL DISCONTENT, WE MUST ALSO HELP OUR FRIENDS TO ACHIEVE SECURITY AGAINST THE REGIONAL AND EXTERNAL THREATS THEY FACE. IN MANY WAYS, THE MOST DANGEROUS THREAT TO SECURITY IS POSED BY THE DICTATORIAL REGIMES THAT USE SOVIET ARMS TO SERVE SOVIET OBJECTIVES, BUT WHICH ACT WITH EVEN LESS RESTRAINT THAN THE SOVIET UNION FEELS COMPELLED TO OBSERVE. THIS NETWORK OF PROXIES AND CLIENTS OFFERS THE SOVIETS BOTH LOGISTIC AND POLITICAL ADVANTAGES. THEY ARE ABLE TO TRANSFER THEIR CUBAN LEGIONS AND EAST GERMAN SECRET POLICE AROUND RAPIDLY TO PROP UP THEIR PUPPETS AND MENACE OUR FRIENDS. AND THEY ARE ABLE TO STRIKE AT VITAL WESTERN INTERESTS WITH MUCH LESS COST, RISK, AND BLAME, THAN THEY WOULD INCUR BY DOING DIRECTLY.

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50. SOVIET CLIENTS NOT ONLY INFLECT BLOODY OPPRESSION ON THEIR OWN PEOPLES, THEY EXPORT IT TO THEIR NEIGHBORS. LIBYA OCCUPIES ITS NEIGHBOR CHAD. FROM CHAD, LIBYAN PLANES BOMB SUDAN. QADHAFI HAS FORMED A SINISTER ENTENTE WITH THE SOVIET-SUSTAINED REGIMES OF SOUTHERN YEMEN AND ETHIOPIA, OPENLY DIRECTED AT OVERTHROWING MODERATE GOVERNMENTS IN THE REGION. AND TERRORIST CAMPS IN LIBYA TRAIN NATIONALS OF

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ALMOST EVERY MIDDLE EASTERN COUNTRY -- SOME RECRUITED BY TERROR AND ASSASSINATION.
(DECLASSIFY SOME INFORMATION ABOUT THE LIBYAN TRAINING CAMPS.)

51. DEALING WITH THE SOVIET PROXY NETWORK IN THE MIDDLE EAST, AS IN AFRICA AND LATIN AMERICA, IS THE HARDEST BUT MOST URGENT TASK FACING THE WEST. TO DO SO REQUIRES TWO EFFORTS. FIRST, WE MUST HELP THOSE WHO ARE UNDER ATTACK. FOR THAT REASON, WE ARE RESPONDING TO THE PRESSING NEEDS OF TUNISIA, SUDAN, SOMALIA, EGYPT, AND OMAN FOR SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO MEET SUDDEN THREATS FROM OUTLAWS LIKE QADHAFI.

(ANNOUNCEMENT OF POST-SADAT SECURITY ASSISTANCE ACTIONS. IF WE HAVE NOTHING NEW TO ANNOUNCE, THEN WE SHOULD DESCRIBE WHAT WE HAVE ALREADY DONE.)

52. IT IS NOT ENOUGH, HOWEVER, JUST TO HELP THOSE WHO ARE UNDER ATTACK. WE MUST ALSO MAKE SOVIET PROXIES PAY A PRICE, TO SHOW THOSE AGGRESSIVE STATES THAT THE COSTS AND RISKS OF AGGRESSION AND SUBVERSION WILL BE HIGH FOR THEM.
(ANNOUNCE NEW MEASURES ON LIBYA. OIL CUTOFF?)

53. COUNTERING SOVIET POWER. THE INVASION OF AFGHANISTAN WAS SOMBER PROOF THAT OUR FRIENDS IN THE REGION FACE A DIRECT SOVIET MILITARY THREAT. IT DEPENDS IN GOOD PART ON OUR LEADERSHIP WHETHER THE FRESH FEAR REVERBERATING THROUGHOUT THE REGION LEADS TO PIECEMEAL ACCOMMODATION OR TO COORDINATED RESISTANCE AND IMPROVED SECURITY.

54. IF THE U.S. WERE TO FAIL TO COUNTERBALANCE SOVIET POWER IN THE REGION, THE SHADOW OF THAT POWER -- AND ITS

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COERCIVE POTENTIAL -- WOULD LOOM MENACINGLY LARGER. THIS WOULD HAVE THE EFFECT OF FURTHER NARROWING THE RANGE OF CHOICE FOR MODERATE STATES -- COLORING THEIR ATTITUDES, THEIR PERCEPTIONS OF US, AND ULTIMATELY, THEIR POLICIES.

55. DESPITE DOMESTIC AUSTERITY, PRESIDENT REAGAN HAS INCREASED OUR DEFENSE BUDGET SUBSTANTIALLY. THAT ACT OF SELF-DISCIPLINE, IN ITSELF, SENDS AN IMPORTANT SIGNAL TO COUNTRIES THAT DEPEND ON AMERICAN POWER. AND A MORE SECURE OVERALL MILITARY BALANCE MAKES OUR COMMITMENTS MORE CREDIBLE AND CHALLENGES TO OUR INTERESTS LESS LIKELY IN EVERY REGION.

56. WITHIN AND AROUND THE MIDDLE EAST ITSELF, WE ARE MAINTAINING A POWERFUL NAVAL PRESENCE, INCLUDING A CARRIER TASK FORCE, AS WELL AS U.S. AWACS AIRCRAFT DEPLOYED IN SAUDI

BY EGYPT, OMAN, SOMALIA, AND KENYA, FOR OUR USE IN EMERGENCIES. EFFECTIVE MILITARY PRESENCE MUST BE ENHANCED -- AND NOT ONLY IN LOCATIONS WHICH, HOWEVER IMPORTANT, ARE QUITE DISTANT FROM THE MOST LIKELY AND DANGEROUS SCENES OF CONFLICT.

57. WE REMAIN RESPECTFUL OF REGIONAL SENSITIVITIES AND AVERSE TO AN OBSTRUSIVE PRESENCE. YET IT IS ALSO CLEAR THAT WE NEED, AND WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK, SUFFICIENT PRESENCE TO RESPOND IN A TIMELY MANNER TO THREATS THE SOVIETS MAY POSE WITH LITTLE -- OR DELIBERATELY AMBIGUOUS -- WARNING. ONLY IN THIS WAY CAN WE REMOVE THE TEMPTATION OF A FAIT ACCOMPLI, IMPROVE DETERRENCE, AND REDUCE THE NEED FOR AN EVEN LARGER FORCE LATER ON. OUR FRIENDS ARE RIGHT TO INSIST UPON THE PREROGATIVES THAT ANY SOVEREIGN POWER WOULD WANT OVER FORCES IN THEIR TERRITORY. BUT IT WOULD BE TRAGIC INDEED, IF SUCH SENSITIVITY CAME TO BLOCK COOPERATION THAT IS ESSENTIAL TO THE PRESERVATION OF THAT VERY SOVEREIGNTY.

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58. OUR FRIENDS CANNOT COUNTER SOVIET POWER ON THEIR OWN, BUT NEITHER CAN WE PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DETERRENT WITHOUT THEIR HELP. ACCORDINGLY, WE HAVE BEGUN BROAD NEW EFFORTS WITH REGIONAL STATES WHOSE MILITARY STRENGTH IS ALREADY, OR POTENTIALLY, QUITE LARGE, AND WITH OTHERS WHO ARE STRATEGI-

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CALLY LOCATED.

59. THESE EFFORTS HAVE TWO PURPOSES: TO INCREASE THE CONTRIBUTIONS LOCAL STATES CAN MAKE; AND TO IMPROVE THE COORDINATION BETWEEN OUR EFFORTS AND THEIRS.

60. SUBSTANTIAL MILITARY MODERNIZATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT IS CRITICAL FOR TURKEY, A COUNTRY THAT HAS SUFFERED IN THE PAST NOT ONLY FROM A DAMAGING ARMS EMBARGO, BUT FROM THOUGHTLESS AND IMPROPER EQUIVOCATIONS REGARDING THE SOLIDITY OF EXISTING ALLIANCE GUARANTEES. TURKEY, AN UNDERAPPRECIATED ALLY, SITS ASTRIDE THE MOST VITAL LINES OF COMMUNICATION IN THE WORLD -- THE CROSSROADS OF EUROPE, ASIA, AND THE MIDDLE EAST. THOUGH A VITAL MEMBER OF NATO, TURKEY IS ALSO TIED BY GEOGRAPHY TO THE PERSIAN GULF. INDEED, SOVIET INVASION ROUTES TO THE GULF LIE DIRECTLY ADJACENT TO TURKEY'S EASTERN BORDERS.

61. IF TURKISH FORCES ARE STRONG, THE SOVIET UNION IS SURE TO TAKE NOTE. LIKEWISE, GREECE AND TURKEY TOGETHER ARE CRITICAL TO THE DEFENSE OF OUR FORCES IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN -- AND ALL THE MORE SO NOW THAT WE HAVE RE-DEPLOYED A CARRIER BATTLE GROUP TO THE INDIAN OCEAN. ONE ANOTHER, AND BOTH ARE VALUABLE -- INDEED IRREPLACEABLE, FRIENDS OF THE UNITED STATES.

-- OUR AID PACKAGE IS URGENT FOR PAKISTAN, A CRITICAL BUFFER BETWEEN THE SOVIETS AND THE GULF, NOW UNDER INTENSE

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AND GROWING PRESSURE FROM THE SOVIET UNION. INDEED, THE SOVIET INVASION OF AFGHANISTAN HAS PUT PAKISTAN IN THE FRONT LINE OF OPPOSITION TO SOVIET EXPANSIONISM, AND MADE IT A HAVEN FOR HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF AFGHANI REFUGEES. -- THE UNITED STATES HAS LONG BEEN AND REMAINS DEEPLY COMMITTED TO THE SECURITY OF ISRAEL. A STRONG ISRAEL IS REQUIRED TO REALIZE OUR HOPES FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. BUT, IN ADDITION, A STRONG ISRAEL CONTRIBUTES SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE OVERALL BALANCE NEEDED TO DETER SOVIET THREATS IN THE REGION. WE HAVE, THEREFORE, EXPANDED OUR STRATEGIC COOPERATION WITH ISRAEL AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO IN THE FUTURE.

-- THE F-15 ENHANCEMENT/AWACS PACKAGE WILL MAKE THE SAUDIS BETTER ABLE TO DEFEND THEMSELVES AND TO PROTECT THE OIL FACILITIES THAT ARE SO VITAL TO THE WEST AND SO VULNERABLE TO SUDDEN AIR ATTACK. A STRONGER, MORE CONFIDENT SAUDI ARABIA WILL BE MORE ABLE TO COOPERATE WITH US IN WORKING

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FOR BOTH PEACE AND SECURITY.

62. THESE LAST TWO PROGRAMS -- STRATEGIC COOPERATION WITH ISRAEL AND THE SALE TO THE SAUDIS -- HAVE BROUGHT THE COMPLEXITY OF THE REGION HOME MOST VIVIDLY. FROM THE OUTSET, THIS ADMINISTRATION RECOGNIZED THE COMPLEXITY OF THE AREA AND THE DIFFERENCES THAT DIVIDE OUR REGIONAL FRIENDS. BUT WE CANNOT AFFORD TO BE PARALYZED BY THIS COMPLEXITY AND THESE DIFFERENCES. RATHER, WE MUST WORK TO OVERCOME THESE DIFFERENCES, RECOGNIZING THAT THEY WILL NOT DISAPPEAR OVERNIGHT AND THAT WE SIMPLY DO NOT HAVE THE LUXURY OF WAITING UNTIL ALL THESE CONFLICTS ARE RESOLVED BEFORE TAKING STEPS TO COUNTER SOVIET AND RADICAL THREATS IN THE AREA. IF THE UNITED STATES PROVES ITSELF A RELIABLE PARTNER BOTH IN THE PEACE PROCESS AND IN SECURITY COOPERATION, WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT IN THE LONG RUN ISRAEL WILL APPRECIATE U.S. COOPERATION WITH ARAB MODERATES, AND THE WHOLE ARAB WORLD WILL COME TO TREASURE SADAT'S LEGACY OF COURAGE, STRENGTH, AND PEACE. IF WE WAIT, WE WILL FIND
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THAT OUR POSITION, OUR FRIENDS, AND THE PROSPECTS FOR PEACE IN THE AREA, HAVE ALL SLIPPED AWAY.

63. TWO INGREDIENTS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR SUCCESS AS WE WORK WITH FRIENDS TO COUNTER THE GROWTH AND COERCIVE POTENTIAL OF SOVIET POWER: FIRST, WE NEED AMPLE SECURITY AND FOREIGN ASSISTANCE RESOURCES TO TRANSFORM A SOUND STRATEGY INTO A

WORKING REALITY. SECOND, WE AND OUR ALLIES MUST EXTEND ADEQUATE GUARANTEES OF PROTECTION TO OTHER FRIENDLY STATES WHO EXPOSE THEMSELVES TO RISKS WHILE WORKING ON BEHALF OF COMMON INTERESTS AND REGIONAL STABILITY.

64. REDUCING ENERGY VULNERABILITIES. NOT ONLY DO OUR REGIONAL SECURITY POLICIES PROTECT OUR FRIENDS AND BOLSTER THE PEACE PROCESS, THEY ALSO SERVE TO REDUCE WESTERN ENERGY VULNERABILITY. STRENGTHENING SECURITY DETERS OUTRIGHT MOVES TO SEIZE OIL FACILITIES AND REDUCES THE POTENTIAL FOR SOVIET OR RADICAL COERCION OF OIL-SUPPLYING STATES. QADHAFI'S THREATS TO DESTROY THE OIL FACILITIES OF OTHER SUPPLIER-STATES, AND IRANIAN AIR RAIDS ON KUWAIT, UNDERLINE THE URGENCY OF PROGRAMS TO REDUCE WESTERN ENERGY VULNERABILITY. FOR THE GRAVEST ENERGY PROBLEM WE FACE IS NOT IMPORTS AS SUCH, HIGH PRICES, OR SHORTAGES, BUT VULNERABILITY TO CUTOFFS OF SUPPLY THAT WOULD INFLICT ECONOMIC

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CATASTROPHE ON THE WEST OR THREATS OF CUTOFFS USED TO SPLIT THE WEST.

65. WE HAVE A LONG-TERM PROGRAM TO REDUCE DEPENDENCE ON IMPORTED OIL. PRESIDENT REAGAN'S COMPLETE DECONTROL OF OIL PRICES WAS A BIG STEP TOWARD A REALISTIC ENERGY PRICING POLICY THAT ALLOWS THE MARKET TO MAKE SURE WE PRODUCE, TRANSPORT, AND USE ENERGY MOST EFFICIENTLY. OUR BALANCED
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FEDERAL LANDS POLICY GUARANTEES THAT ENERGY CAN BE EXPLORED AND PRODUCED AT A PACE CONSISTENT WITH LEGITIMATE ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS. OUR EFFORTS TO REDUCE REGULATORY IMPEDIMENTS AND UNCERTAINTIES WILL PERMIT INCREASED USE OF COAL, NUCLEAR, AND OTHER ENERGY SOURCES. AND WE ARE CONCENTRATING FEDERAL ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ON HIGH-RISK AND LONG-TERM PROJECTS.

66. ALTHOUGH ENERGY DEPENDENCE IS A LONG-TERM PROBLEM, PROGRESS IS ALREADY EVIDENT. U.S. ENERGY EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION ARE UP AND OIL IMPORTS HAVE DECLINED DRAMATICALLY. BUT EVEN MAJOR REDUCTION IN U.S. IMPORTS LEAVES US PART OF A WORLD MARKET IN WHICH OUR EUROPEAN AND JAPANESE ALLIES REMAIN HEAVILY DEPENDENT. TO DEAL WITH POSSIBLE CUTOFFS, WE HAVE EMERGENCY SHARING ARRANGEMENTS WITH OTHER MAJOR CONSUMING COUNTRIES. WE HAVE ALSO SPEEDED UP THE PACE OF FILLING OUR STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE -- REDUCING OUR VULNERABILITY TO THREATS AND DEMONSTRATING THAT OUR FOREIGN AND NATIONAL SECURITY POLICIES ARE NOT DICTATED BY PRESSURES FROM ABROAD. WE MUST ALSO CONTINUE TO WORK TO SECURE WESTERN ACCESS TO RELIABLE ENERGY SUPPLIES THROUGH OUR OWN MILITARY PROGRAMS AND DEPLOYMENTS, OUR EFFORTS TO FURTHER THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS, OUR PROGRAMS OF DISTURBERS OF THE PEACE LIKE QADHAFI.

67. CONCLUSION. THESE POLICIES CONSTITUTE THE ELEMENTS OF A BALANCED APPROACH THAT INTEGRATES DIPLOMATIC, ECONOMIC, AND MILITARY MEASURES. NO ONE-STEP CAN BE JUDGED OR IMPLEMENTED IN ISOLATION. OUR DIPLOMACY MUST CONTINUE TO PROMOTE PEACE THROUGH ENCOURAGING CONCRETE ACTS OF CONCILIATION. AT THE SAME TIME, SOLID PROGRESS IN THE PEACE PROCESS REQUIRES US TO HELP OUR FRIENDS COPE WITH ECONOMIC STRESSES AND MILITARY THREATS. STATESMANSHIP DEMANDS THAT WE PURSUE THE MOST IDEAL AND UNIVERSAL ASPIRATIONS BY PRACTICING THE ART OF THE POSSIBLE IN A COMPLEX AND PARTICULAR REGION. IN THAT WAY WE BRING CLOSER THE DAY

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WHEN EVERY COUNTRY IN THE MIDDLE EAST CAN LIVE IN PEACE.

68. LET US REMEMBER THAT, "THE PEACE WE SEEK," AS PRESIDENT EISENHOWER SAID IN HIS FIRST INAUGURAL, "IS NOTHING LESS THAN THE PRACTICE AND THE FULFILLMENT OF OUR WHOLE FAITH... IT SIGNIFIES MORE THAN STILLING THE GUNS, EASING THE SORROW OF WAR. MORE THAN AN ESCAPE FROM DEATH, IT IS A WAY OF LIFE. MORE THAN A HAVEN FOR THE WEARY, IT IS A HOPE FOR THE BRAVE." NOTHING SHOWS MORE CLEARLY THAN THE COURAGEOUS LIFE AND DEATH OF ANWAR SADAT THAT PEACE IS, AS PRESIDENT EISENHOWER SAID, "THE HOPE OF THE BRAVE," AND IS A GOAL WORTHY OF SACRIFICE AND RISK. UNQLOTE. HAIG

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1. IN A LONG ARTICLE PUBLISHED IN THE SYDNEY MORNING HERALD
ON NOVEMBER 6, 1981, PM FRASER DISCUSSES HIS GOVERNMENT'S
VIEWS ON THE MIDDLE EAST AND WHY AUSTRALIA SHOULD PARTICIPATE
IN THE SINAI MFO. THIS IS THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE EXPOSITION
OF FRASER'S VIEWS ON THE MIDDLE EAST WE HAVE SEEN SINCE HIS
STATEMENT IN PARLIAMENT PRESENTING HIS CONDITIONAL DECISION
TO PARTICIPATE. FULL TEXT OF ARTICLE FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT - FOR MORE THAN THREE DECADES, THE MIDDLE EAST HAS
BEEN THE MOST UNSTABLE REGION IN THE WORLD.
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THE CONFLICT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE ARAB STATES HAS GENERATED
MORE BITTERNESS, MORE HATRED, MORE SUSPICION THAN ANY OTHER
CONFLICT IN THE WORLD DURING THIS PERIOD.
FOUR TIMES IN ONE GENERATION IT LED TO WARS WHICH DISRUPTED
THE REGION AND THREATENED THE PEACE OF THE WORLD.
CONFLICT HAS CAUSED A TERRIBLE REFUGEE PROBLEM, FED FANATICISM
AND TERROR, AND DISTORTED AND WARPED THE LIVES OF THE PEOPLE

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IN THE REGION.

ALL EFFORTS TO END THE CONFLICT, AND THERE WERE VERY MANY, FAILED IN THE FACE OF ACCUMULATED SUSPICION AND HOSTILITY. THE DIFFERENCES APPEARED IRRECONCILABLE.

THEN, IN NOVEMBER, 1977, THE NEAREST THING TO A POLITICAL MIRACLE IN OUR TIME OCCURRED. IN AN EXTRAORDINARY ACT OF POLITICAL COURAGE AND VISION, PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT OF EGYPT FLEW TO JERUSALEM AND ADDRESSED THE KNESSET, THE ISRAELI PARLIAMENT.

THIS SINGLE DRAMATIC ACT CREATED A NEW SITUATION OVERNIGHT. IT SET IN TRAIN A PROCESS OF NEGOTIATION BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL, WITH THE UNITED STATES CLOSELY INVOLVED.

WITHIN A YEAR, THIS HAD CULMINATED IN THE CAMP DAVID ACCORDS OF SEPTEMBER, 1978, AND, IN ANOTHER FEW MONTHS, IT RESULTED IN THE EGYPT-ISRAELI PEACE TREATY OF MARCH, 1979.

THE CAMP DAVID ACCORDS AND THE PEACE TREATY CONTAINED TWO ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS. ONE DEALT WITH THE PROCEDURES FOR IMPLEMENTING "FULL AUTONOMY" FOR THE INHABITANTS OF THE WEST BANK AND GAZA AFTER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ELECTED SELF-GOVERNING AUTHORITY.

THE OTHER DEALT WITH THE BI-LATERAL ASPECTS OF THE PEACE TREATY AND, SPECIFICALLY, WITH THE RETURN TO EGYPT OF THE TERRITORY OCCUPIED BY ISRAEL IN THE SINAI PENINSULA DURING THE EARLIER FIGHTING.

ON THE BASIS OF THE CONFIDENCE ESTABLISHED AT CAMP DAVID, ISRAEL HAS ALREADY WITHDRAWN FROM APPROXIMATELY TWO-THIRDS OF THE SINAI.

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GIVEN THE HISTORY OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, THAT IT HAS DONE SO HAS BEEN REMARKABLE.

IT IS SCHEDULED TO WITHDRAW COMPLETELY BY THE END OF APRIL, 1982, BUT THAT COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL IS CONDITIONAL ON THE EXISTENCE OF A PEACE-KEEPING FORCE TO SUPERVISE BOTH THE WITHDRAWAL AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS AGREED ON IN THE TREATY.

THE EXISTENCE OF AN EFFECTIVE PEACE-KEEPING FORCE IN THE SINAI, ONE WHICH WOULD BY ITS PRESENCE SECURE ISRAEL'S SOUTHERN FLANK, IS THEREFORE A NECESSARY CONDITION FOR TOTAL WITHDRAWAL. IT WOULD ALSO HELP TO CREATE THE KIND OF CONFIDENCE REQUIRED FOR PROGRESS TO BE MADE WITH RESPECT TO THE WEST BANK AND GAZA.

I CONSIDER IT MOST UNDERSTANDABLE THAT WHEN TWO COUNTRIES WITH A LONG AND SORRY HISTORY OF MUTUAL CONFLICT DECIDE TO PUT THIS HISTORY BEHIND THEM AND ENGAGE IN A NEW ERA OF PEACE, THEY SHOULD WISH TO HAVE MUTUAL FRIENDS IN WHOM THEY CAN HAVE CONFIDENCE TO ASSIST THEM IN THE SENSITIVE BUSINESS OF OVERCOMING PAST SUSPICIONS. THE SINAI PEACE-KEEPING FORCE IS TO PLAY THE ROLE OF MUTUAL FRIEND.

THE EXISTENCE OF SUCH A FORCE WOULD NOT GUARANTEE SUCCESS -

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NOTHING CAN DO THAT. BUT WITHOUT IT THERE CAN BE LITTLE HOPE. THE PEACE FORCE THAT WAS ORIGINALLY ENVISAGED WAS A UNITED NATIONS FORCE. UNFORTUNATELY, IT HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO BRING THAT INFO BEING. THE SOVIET UNION, WHICH HAS CONSISTENTLY OPPOSED THE CAMP DAVID ACCORDS AND WHICH IN 1979 VETOED THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE UN EMERGENCY FORCE, STANDS AS AN INSURMOUNTABLE OBSTACLE TO ITS CREATION.

THE SOVIET UNION HAS CONSISTELY ADOPTED AN OBSTRUCTIONIST APPROACH TO THE SEARCH FOR MIDDLE EAST PEACE AND HAS SOUGHT TO ENCOURAGE AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF INSTABILITY AND TO POSITION ITSELF TO MAKE STRATEGIC GAINS. THE QUESTION HAS BEEN, THEREFORE, WHETHER FACED WITH THE THREAT OF A SOVIET VETO, THERE SHOULD BE NO FORCE AT ALL - WITH THE DISASTROUS CONSEQUENCES THAT WOULD ENTAIL IN THE WHOLE PEACE PROCESS - OR WHETHER THERE SHOULD BE AN INTERNATIONAL PEACE-UNCLASSIFIED

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KEEPING FORCE OUTSIDE THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM. THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THAT WHILE IT WOULD HAVE BEEN PREFERABLE FOR THE SINAI PEACE-KEEPING FORCE TO BE ESTABLISHED UNDER A UNITED NATIONS MANDATE, IF THAT IS RULED OUT BY THE POSITION TAKEN BY THE SOVIET UNION, THEN IN TERMS OF WHAT IS AT STAKE, IN TERMS OF PEACE IN THIS IGHLY SENSITIVE REGION, IT IS INFINITELY PREFERABLE THAT THERE SHOULD BE AN INTERNATIONAL PEACE-KEEPING FORCE CREATED OUTSIDE UNITED NATIONS AUSPICES THAN THAT THE WHOLE PEACE PROCESS SHOULD BE FRUSTRATED BY THE ABSENCE OF ANY FORCE AT ALL. GRANTED THAT THE CASE FOR A PEACE-KEEPING FORCE IS OVERWHELMING, THE QUESTION FOR AUSTRALIA WAS WHETHER WE SHOULD BE INVOLVED. THIS WAS GIVEN LENGTHY CONSIDERATION BY THE GOVERNMENT. IN THE END, A NUMBER OF FACTORS LED THE GOVERNMENT TO THE VIEW THAT AUSTRALIA SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE MULTINATIONAL PEACE-KEEPING FORCE. AUSTRALIA HAS A CLEAR AND STRONG NATIONAL INTEREST IN THE PROGRESS OF PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. IT IS FIRST AND FOREMOST A MATTER OF DECIDING THAT IT IS IN OUR OWN NATIONAL INTEREST, AND THEN ACTING ACCORDINGLY. WITHOUT QUESTION THE CONTINUED PROGRESS TOWARD PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS OF ENORMOUS SIGNIFICANCE TO AUSTRALIA. AN OUTBREAK OF CONFLICT WOULD HAVE REPERCUSSIONS NOT ONLY FOR THE REGION BUT FOR THE PEACE OF THE WORLD, WHICH WOULD AFFECT US PROFOUNDLY AND IN MANIFOLD WAYS. IT WOULD AFFECT OUR ALLIES AND FRIENDS IN WAYS WHICH COULD NOT BUT IMPINGE GREATLY ON OUR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS AND WITH RISKS FOR THE STRATEGIC BALANCE OF GREAT MOMENT TO OUR NATIONAL SECURITY. THE FAILURE OF AUSTRALIA AND OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES TO PARTICIPATE WOULD REQUIRE THE UNITED STATES TO BEAR THE BURDEN

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ITSELF AND WOULD BE SEEN AS A FAILURE BY THE WEST TO SUPPORT UNITED STATES POLICIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THIS WOULD RISK GIVING PROPAGANDA OPPORTUNITIES TO THE SOVIET UNION, WHEREAS UNCLASSIFIED

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PARTICIPATION IN PEACEKEEPING WOULD ENCOURAGE CONSTRUCTIVE UNITED STATES INVOLVEMENT IN EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT A LASTING SETTLEMENT OF ARAB/ISRAELI DIFFERENCES.

EGYPT, ISRAEL AND THE UNITED STATES - THE NATIONS WHICH SIGNED THE AGREEMENT IN AUGUST THIS YEAR PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MULTINATIONAL PEACE-KEEPING FORCE - HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO OUR PARTICIPATION AND THAT THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT SADAT HAS MADE THAT PARTICIPATION EVEN MORE IMPORTANT TO THEM. OUR PARTICIPATION WOULD BE WELCOMED BY EGYPT AND ISRAEL, AS WELL AS THE UNITED STATES, AND OUR PARTICIPATION WOULD IMPLY OUR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL'S SECURITY. IT WOULD HAVE POSITIVE IMPACT ON ISRAEL'S APPROACH TO NEGOTIATING SIMILAR ARRANGEMENTS FOR ITS OTHER BORDERS.

AUSTRALIA'S INTEREST IS IN SEEING WHAT IS PROBABLY THE SINGLE MOST SERIOUS THREAT TO WORLD PEACE REMOVED. FURTHER WARFARE IN THE MIDDLE EAST COULD TRIGGER OFF A MUCH WIDER WAR. THUS IT IS IN THE INTERESTS OF AUSTRALIA AND THE WHOLE WORLD THAT EGYPT'S STABILITY BE MAINTAINED, AND THIS MAINTENANCE REQUIRES CONTINUED INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE POLICIES COMMENCED BY PRESIDENT SADAT AND WHICH HIS SUCCESSOR, PRESIDENT MUBARAK, IS PLEDGED TO CONTINUE.

AUSTRALIA HAS GIVEN STRONG SUPPORT TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PEACE PROCESS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND HAS A RESPONSIBILITY TO FOLLOW UP WITH PRACTICAL ASSISTANCE: PRESIDENT SADAT TOOK GREAT POLITICAL RISKS IN INITIATING AND PERSEVERING WITH THE PEACE PROCESS AND IT IS VITAL FOR HIS SUCCESSORS, WHO HAVE COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO SUPPORT THAT PEACE PROCESS. THAT WE HAVE AN INTEREST IN PEACE, RATHER THAN WAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS, I BELIEVE, INDISPUTABLE.

IT IS CRUCIAL TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE PEACE PROCESS WHICH HAS BEEN BEGUN IN THE REGION UNDER THE CAMP DAVID ACCORDS IS THE ONLY FRAMEWORK FOR PEACE WHICH HAS BEEN PUT FORWARD IN THE LONG HISTORY OF THAT REGION WHICH SHOWS SOME PROSPECT OF ACHIEVING ITS IMMEDIATE OBJECTIVES. WHILE OTHER PRO- UNCLASSIFIED

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POSALS HAVE BEEN MADE FROM TIME TO TIME, NONE HAS YET ACHIEVED THAT DEGREE OF ACCEPTANCE FROM ISRAEL AND EGYPT THAT THE CAMP DAVID ACCORDS HAVE ACHIEVED. THE PEACE-KEEPING

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FORCE IS A CENTRAL PART OF THE CAMP DAVID PROCESS. THERE IS OBVIOUSLY A LIMIT TO WHAT AUSTRALIA, AS A MIDDLE POWER, CAN DO. WE MUST AVOID AN UNREALISTIC VIEW OF WHAT WE CAN ACHIEVE. BUT TO SAY THAT THERE ARE LIMITS IS IN NO WAY TO SAY THAT WE COULD NOT MAKE A USEFUL AND A VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION, IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER COUNTRIES WHICH SHARE OUR INTERESTS AND OUR CONCERN FOR PEACE IN THE REGION.

PRESIDENT SADAT'S SUCCESSOR, PRESIDENT MUBARAK, HAS INDICATED HIS DETERMINATION TO REMAIN ON THE COURSE SET BY HIS PREDECESSOR. PRESIDENT SADAT'S ASSASSINATION HAS IN FACT CREATED A GREATER NEED FOR INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION OF THE CONDITIONS FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. EGYPT WITHOUT PRESIDENT SADAT NEEDS MORE SUPPORT FROM OTHER NATIONS TO CONTINUE THE PEACE PROCESS THAN EGYPT WITH PRESIDENT SADAT, AND THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT MADE CLEAR TO THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER ON HIS RECENT VISIT THAT THIS WAS VERY MUCH ITS OWN PERSPECTIVE.

THIS CONSIDERATION HAS WEIGHED WITH THE GOVERNMENT AND HAS BEEN SIGNIFICANT IN TIPPING THE BALANCE IN FAVOUR OF PARTICIPATION IN THE PEACE-KEEPING FORCE. WE HAVE A CAPACITY TO CONTRIBUTE AND OUR CONTRIBUTION IS SOUGHT BY THE COUNTRIES MOST CLOSELY INVOLVED.

THIS GOVERNMENT HAS NEVER TAKEN THE VIEW THAT AUSTRALIA SHOULD REFRAIN FROM DOING WHAT IT CAN TO CREATE A BETTER AND MORE PEACEFUL WORLD. ON THE CONTRARY, WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY ARGUED THAT WITHIN REALISTIC LIMITS AUSTRALIA HAS RESPONSIBILITIES, AND MUST RECOGNISE THOSE RESPONSIBILITIES

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IN OUR ACTIONS.

IT WOULD ABVIOUSLY BE MORE COMFORTABLE TO DO NOTHING - TO SAY THAT PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST DOES NOT CONCERN US, OR THAT WE CANNOT CONTRIBUTE TO PEACE. BUT NEITHER OF THOSE PROPOSITIONS WOULD BE TRUE. THOSE ATTITUDES, WIDELY ADOPTED AMONG NATIONS IN OTHER TIMES AND IN OTHER CONFLICTS, HAVE LED IN THE END TO CATASTROPHIC WAR. THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN THE CASE ALSO IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THERE IS NO POINT IN WAITING UNTIL PEACE HAS BROKEN DOWN. A PEACE-KEEPING FORCE WOULD THEN BE TOO LATE. IF ALL THE NATIONS WANTING PEACE WERE TO LEAVE THE ACTIVE PURSUIT OF PEACE TO OTHERS PEACE WOULD FAIL BY DEFAULT -- AND WE WOULD ALL BEAR THE TRAGIC COSTS. AUSTRALIA IS CONCERNED, AND AUSTRALIA IS ALSO ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE. SOMETIMES IT IS NECESSARY TO BACK CONVICTION WITH ACTION. THE FACTS PLACE A WEIGHTY RESPONSIBILITY ON

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US. ACCORDINGLY, WE MADE THE DECISION, PROVIDED CERTAIN REASONABLE CONDITIONS WERE MET, THAT AUSTRALIA SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE MULTINATIONAL FORCE.

IN THE INTERESTS OF OBTAINING THE BROADEST-BASED INTERNATIONAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE FORCE, SIGNIFICANT EUROPEAN PARTICIPATION WAS A CRITICAL FACTOR. AUSTRALIA BECAME ONE OF THE FIRST NATIONS TO GIVE AN UNDERTAKING TO CONTRIBUTE. AUSTRALIA HAD WAITED FOR MONTHS FOR OTHER MAJOR COUNTRIES TO CLARIFY THEIR POSITIONS.

WHEN THIS DID NOT HAPPEN, THE GOVERNMENT DECIDED IT HAD TO MAKE AUSTRALIA'S POSITION PLAIN - THAT AUSTRALIA WOULD BE PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN A BROADLY BASED FORCE. THIS ANNOUNCEMENT IS LIKELY TO BE FOLLOWED BY STATEMENTS FROM OTHER NATIONS. THE GOVERNMENT EXPECTS THAT THE PEACE-KEEPING FORCE WILL BE BROADLY BASED AND THAT AUSTRALIA WILL BE PARTICIPATING.

AUSTRALIA'S CONTRIBUTION WILL BE LIMITED TO A LEVEL WHICH WILL BE AGREED ON INITIALLY FOR A SPECIFIED LIMITED DURATION. IN TERMS OF OUR DECISION WE WILL BE INSTRUCTING THE COMMANDER OF ANY AUSTRALIAN CONTINGENT THAT IF HE RECEIVED UNCLASSIFIED

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ORDERS FROM THE COMMANDER OF THE FORCE WHICH BE BELIEVED WERE CONTRARY TO, OR WENT BEYOND THE AGREED PURPOSES OF THE FORCE, HE SHOULD NOT COMPLY WITH THEM UNTIL HE HAD CONSULTED WITH AUSTRALIAN AUTHORITIES. NO PART OF THE PEACE-KEEPING FORCE (INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES COMPONENT) SHOULD HAVE ANY ASSOCIATION WITH THE UNITED STATES RAPID DEPLOYMENT FORCE.

OUR PARTICIPATION IN THE PEACE-KEEPING FORCE WILL BE ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT ALL THE PARTIES TO THE ACCORDS ABIDE BY WORD AND DEED WITH THEIR PROVISIONS, AND PRESS FORWARD WITH A CONTINUING PEACE PROCESS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. A SOLUTION TO THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE IS CLEARLY CENTRAL TO THE FUTURE STABILITY AND PEACE OF THE MIDDLE EAST. IN PARTICIPATING IN THE SINAI PEACE-KEEPING FORCE WE WILL BE CONCERNED THAT OUR CONTRIBUTION HAS THE MAXIMUM POSITIVE INFLUENCE IN CONTINUING AND BROADENING THE PEACE PROCESS IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THAT THIS MULTINATIONAL PEACE-KEEPING FORCE IS A SIGNIFICANT STEP FOR PEACE. IT IS NOT A DECISION WHICH IS PRO-ARAB OR PRO-ISRAELI. IT IS A DECISION PRO-PEACE. IT IS A DECISION WHICH COULD NEVER HAVE BEEN MADE HAD PRESIDENT SADAT NOT TAKEN HIS HISTORIC INITIATIVES.

I WISH TO EMPHASISE THAT WHAT AUSTRALIA WILL CONTRIBUTE TO IS A PEACE-KEEPING FORCE - NOT TO A CONFLICT. THE

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SINAI PEACE-KEEPING FORCE WILL NOT BE TAKING SIDES WITH EITHER EGYPT OR ISRAEL. IT IS NOT GOING TO BE INVOLVED IN EITHER MILITARY ATTACK OR DEFENCE IN ANY MILITARY SENSE. ITS ROLE IS TO MONITOR, TO OBSERVE.

IF THE TIME SHOULD COME WHEN EITHER PARTY WOULD WISH TO ATTACK THE SINAI FORCE, THEN THE WHOLE PEACE PROCESS, AND BY DEFINITION THE FORCE'S ROLE, WOULD HAVE TO COME TO AN END
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AND IT WOULD LEAVE THE REGION.

BUT THIS SITUATION WILL NOT COME ABOUT, AND IT WILL NOT COME ABOUT BECAUSE AUSTRALIA AND OTHER COUNTRIES ARE READY TO PLAY WHAT IS, AFTER ALL, A MODEST PART, IN ENSURING THAT ISRAEL AND EGYPT PURSUE THEIR MUTUALLY DECLARED OBJECTIVE OF DEVELOPING A NEW AND FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP.

THERE ARE DIFFERENCES OF VIEW ON THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE, BUT I HOPE THE AUSTRALIAN PUBLIC, WILL GIVE VERY CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO ALL THE CONSIDERATIONS AND WILL AGREE THAT IN THE END THE RIGHT COURSE FOR AUSTRALIA IS THE ONE THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO TAKE.

AUSTRALIA HAS PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT ROLE OVER MANY YEARS BY ITS WILLINGNESS TO CONTRIBUTE TO PEACE-KEEPING FORCES IN TROUBLE SPOTS AROUND THE WORLD, AND WHILE THIS PARTICULAR DECISION HAS BEEN MORE FINELY BALANCED THAN OTHERS, I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT IN THE END THE EASIER DECISION WOULD BE IRRESPONSIBLE AND WRONG.

THE EASIER DECISION WOULD BE ONE WE MIGHT WELL LIVE TO REGRET, FOR SURELY NONE OF US WOULD WANT THE SITUATION IN WHICH A FAILURE ON OUR PART TO HELP TWO COUNTRIES IN THEIR SEARCH FOR A LASTING PEACE MIGHT CONTRIBUTE TO INCREASING INSTABILITY IN A REGION WHERE IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF AUSTRALIA, AND OF THE WHOLE WORLD, THAT THERE SHOULD BE INCREASING STABILITY. END TEXT.

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2. BEGIN SUMMARY: ALLIED DISCUSSIONS OF SOVIET
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MONTHS FOCUSED ON THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE ASSASSINATION OF EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT SADAT, LIBYAN-SOVIET RELATIONS, AND MALTESE-SOVIET RELATIONS. THERE WAS ALSO AN INTENSE DEBATE WITH FRENCH DELEGATES OVER PERENNIAL FRENCH OBJECTIONS TO ALLIED DISCUSSIONS IN THE AD HOC GROUP THAT DID NOT STRICTLY ADHERE TO SOVIET PENETRATION. DRAWING LARGELY ON U.S., UK, AND ITALIAN CONTRIBUTIONS, FINAL REPORT REFLECTS ALLIED CONSENSUS THAT: QADDAFI MAY BE MOVING CLOSER TO THE SOVIETS; THE SOVIETS HAVE GAINED A FOOTHOLD IN MALTA; AND THE SOVIETS PROBABLY BELIEVE THAT THERE WILL BE SOME FLEXIBILITY IN EGYPTIAN POLICY AFTER THE ISRAELIS WITHDRAW FROM THE SINAI. REPORT WILL BE POUCHED TO ADDEES. END SUMMARY.

3. THE AD HOC GROUP ON THE MEDITERRANEAN (AHG) MET OCTOBER 22-23 AT EREB FOR THE SECOND OF ITS SEMI-ANNUAL MEETINGS. ALL DELEGATIONS EXCEPT ICELAND, LUXEMBOURG, PORTUGAL, AND DENMARK PARTICIPATED IN THE MEETING, WITH BELGIUM, NORWAY AND THE UK SENDING EXPERTS FROM CAPITALS.

4. THERE WAS EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION OF THE VARIOUS RAMIFICATIONS OF THE ASSASSINATION OF EGYPT'S PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT. AS AHG REPORT WILL REFLECT, THERE WAS A GENERAL CONSENSUS AMONG THE ALLIES THAT THE NEW EGYPTIAN LEADERSHIP WOULD CONTINUE WITH PRESIDENT SADAT'S POLICIES, ESPECIALLY AS REGARDS THE PEACE PROCESS, AND THAT IT WOULD SUCCEED IN MAINTAINING ORDER AND STABILITY IN EGYPT.

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5. THE ALLIES ALSO AGREED THAT PRESIDENT MUBARAK WOULD SEEK TO IMPROVE EGYPT'S RELATIONS WITH MODERATE ARAB STATES, BUT THAT HIS FIRST PRIORITY WOULD BE THE COMPLETION OF THE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM THE SINAI. IN THIS CONNECTION, THERE WAS AGREEMENT THAT THE RESTRAINT IN SOVIET REACTION TO THE SADAT ASSASSINATION WAS DUE TO SOVIET HOPE THAT AFTER A PERIOD OF TIME, I.E., AFTER ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM THE SINAI, MUBARAK MAY PROVE TO BE MORE FLEXIBLE IN HIS DEALINGS WITH THE SOVIETS. OVER THE MIDTERM, THEREFORE, THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT THE SOVIETS MAY SUCCEED IN REGAINING SOME INFLUENCE IN CAIRO.

6. ALLIED DELEGATIONS ALSO DISCUSSED EXTENSIVELY LIBYAN POLICY IN THE REGION AS WELL AS LIBYAN/SOVIET RELATIONS.

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MOST OF THE ALLIES, I.E., US, UK, FRG, SPOKE OF THE THREAT POSED BY QADDAFI TO WESTERN INTERESTS; THE ITALIAN REP CAUTIONED AGAINST ILL CONSIDERED MOVES VIS-A-VIS QADDAFI AND REMINDED ALLIES OF LARGE NUMBER OF ITALIANS STILL LIVING IN LIBYA. PREVAILING VIEW WAS THAT, AS A RESULT OF HIS GROWING CONFRONTATION WITH THE U.S., QADDAFI MAY BE LESS HESITANT THAN BEFORE TO COOPERATE MORE CLOSELY WITH THE SOVIETS.

7. AS REGARDS MALTESE/SOVIET RELATIONS, THE ALLIES AGREED THAT THE RECENT MALTESE/SOVIET AGREEMENTS HAD GIVEN THE SOVIETS A FOOTHOLD IN MALTA. INDEED, MINTOFF'S AGREEMENT TO ALLOW THE SOVIETS TO OPEN AN EMBASSY IN VALETTA WAS CITED AS A CASE IN POINT. ITALIAN REP WAS ANXIOUS TO PRESERVE THE NOTION THAT ITALIAN/MALTESE NEUTRALITY AGREEMENT HAD KEPT MALTA FROM GOING EVEN FURTHER WITH THE SOVIETS. PERHAPS OUT OF A SENSE OF POLITESSE, NO ONE DIRECTLY CONTRADICTED THE ITALIAN.

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IT WAS CLEAR FROM VARIOUS INTERVENTIONS, HOWEVER, THAT THE ITALIAN JUDGMENT IS NOT ENTIRELY ACCEPTED IN THE ALLIANCE. SEVERAL DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING THE U.S., STRESSED THE NEED TO MONITOR CAREFULLY SOVIET NAVAL ACTIVITIES OVER THE NEXT SIX MONTHS IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO ASSESS MORE PRECISELY THE IMPLICATIONS OF EVOLVING SOVIET/MALTESE RELATIONS FOR ALLIED INTERESTS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE AHG.

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8. FINALLY, THE MEETING WAS SOMEWHAT MARRED BY ABRASIVE FRENCH ATTEMPT TO DELETE PASSAGE FROM DRAFT REPORT THAT DEALS WITH EGYPT'S RELATIONS WITH OTHER ARAB STATES ON THE GROUNDS THAT THIS WAS OUTSIDE THE MANDATE OF THE AHG. IN SPITE OF U.S., U.K., AND FRG ATTEMPTS TO FIND A COMPROMISE TO FRENCH SUBSTANTIVE OBJECTIONS, I.E., MAKING MORE EXPLICIT LINKAGE OF POSSIBLE MID-TERM REINTRODUCTION OF SOVIET INFLUENCE IN EGYPT TO EGYPT'S ABILITY TO LESSEN ITS ISOLATION FROM OTHER ARAB MODERATES IN THE POST-SADAT PERIOD, FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE REMAINED ADAMANT THAT PASSAGE BE DELETED. FINDING HIMSELF COMPLETELY ISOLATED, THE FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE LEFT THE MEETING IN APPARENT PROTEST. HOWEVER, AT THE END OF THE SESSION HE RETURNED AND SUGGESTED A FACE SAVING COMPROMISE THAT COMPLETELY INCORPORATED SUBSTANCE OF PASSAGE AT ISSUE. SUCH ANTICS WERE DUE TO PERENNIAL FRENCH OBJECTIVE OF KEEPING ALLIANCE FORA FROM DISCUSSING OUT-OF-NATO AREA ISSUES.

9. AD HOC GROUP REPORT, WHICH IS BASED LARGELY ON U.S., U.K., AND ITALIAN CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE POUCHED TO ADDRESSEES WHEN IT IS PUBLISHED IN FINAL FORM. BENNETT

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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.
 2. BEGIN SUMMARY: DURING DISCUSSION OF MIDDLE EAST EXPERTS' REPORT, ALLIES FOCUSED COMMENTS ON THE IMPLICATIONS OF SADAT'S ASSASSINATION AND THE PROSPECTS FOR EGYPTIAN DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN POLICIES, AND ON THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS, WITH VARIOUS ALLIES MAKING POSITIVE STATEMENTS ABOUT PRINCE FAHD'S EIGHT POINTS.
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ITALY, THE UK, AND THE NETHERLANDS REFERRED TO POSSIBILITY THEIR GOVERNMENTS WOULD PARTICIPATE IN MULTI-LATERAL FORCE AND OBSERVERS IN EC CONTEXT; ALL RELATED POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION IN MFO TO DESIRE TO SUPPORT

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EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT MUBARAK AND A PEACE PROCESS THAT SHOULD LEAD TO A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT. THE FRG WELCOMED EC INVOLVEMENT; SOMEWHAT SURPRISINGLY, FRANCE REMAINED SILENT ON SUBJECT OF MFO. THERE APPEARS TO BE AN EXPECTATION AMONG MOST OF THE ALLIES THAT, AFTER ISRAEL COMPLETELY WITHDRAWS FROM THE SINAI, EGYPTIAN POLICY MAY EVOLVE, THUS ALLOWING FOR SOME BROADENING OF OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE PEACE PROCESS. IN THIS CONNECTION, THERE WERE SEVERAL REFERENCES TO THE EC MIDDLE EAST INITIATIVE AND FAHD'S PROPOSALS. FRG ALSO BRIEFED ON FAHD'S VISIT TO BONN OCTOBER 28, PARTICULARLY AS REGARDS SAUDI VIEWS ON EGYPT, TO WHICH BONN APPARENTLY ATTACHES CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE. END SUMMARY.

3. THE NAC HELD A LENGTHY DISCUSSION OF LATEST MIDDLE EAST EXPERTS' REPORT ON OCTOBER 30. ARNAUD (FRANCE) FOCUSED HIS INTERVENTION ON THE NEW LEADERSHIP GROUP IN EGYPT. ACCORDING TO FRENCH ANALYSIS, THE NEW LEADERSHIP IS FACED WITH A CERTAIN ISOLATION INTERNALLY AS WELL AS IN THE ARAB WORLD. WHILE THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT PRESIDENT MUBARAK HAS THE SUPPORT OF THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE, IT IS NECESSARY TO RECALL THAT THE MAJORITY OF EGYPTIANS ARE POLITICALLY VERY PASSIVE. MOREOVER, ARNAUD CONTINUED, THERE IS SOME UNDERGROUND POLITICS IN EGYPT THAT SURFACED IN THE WAKE OF SADAT'S ASSASSINATION. THIS UNDERGROUND IS ESSENTIALLY COMPRISED OF RELIGIOUS FUNDAMENTALISTS WHO HAVE A CERTAIN BASE AMONG THE PEOPLE. THIS BASE MAY BE GROWING AND REPRESENTS A POTENTIAL SERIOUS OPPOSITION TO EGYPTIAN

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DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN POLICY. THESE PROBLEMS WILL REQUIRE CONSIDERABLE SKILL AND CAUTION ON THE PART OF THE NEW LEADERSHIP.

4. ARNAUD ADDED THAT EGYPT HAS SERIOUS PROBLEMS AND MAY TRY TO ESTABLISH SOME CONTACT WITH MODERATE ARAB STATES IN THE NEAR FUTURE. UNDOUBTEDLY, NEGOTIATIONS WITH ISRAEL WILL GO ON, BUT ONE MAY WONDER WHETHER MUBARAK WILL BE AS COMMITTED TO THE PROCESS AS SADAT WAS. FOR SADAT, ARNAUD CONTINUED, COMPLETE RECOVERY OF THE SINAI WAS THE SINE QUA NON OF THE PEACE PROCESS. IT IS NOT OBVIOUS THAT THIS IS THE CASE FOR MUBARAK. INDEED THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THE SINAI HAS ALREADY BEEN RECOVERED, AND IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER THE REST OF IT WOULD BE WORTH GETTING IF IT REQUIRED SIGNIFICANT

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POLITICAL PRECONDITIONS. TURNING TO THE SOVIET CONNECTION, ARNAUD SAID THAT IT COULD NOT BE EXCLUDED THAT THE NEW LEADERSHIP WOULD ADJUST ITS POLICIES VIS-A-VIS MOSCOW. IF EGYPT IS TO OBTAIN SOME RAPPROCHMENT WITH ARAB STATES, SOME RAPPROCHMENT WITH THE SOVIETS MAY BE USEFUL. THE RELATIVELY RESTRAINED SOVIET BEHAVIOR AFTER SADAT'S ASSASSINATION MAY BE AN INDICATION THAT THE SOVIETS WOULD NOT BE TOO DEMANDING OF MUBARAK. ONE MUST RECALL, ARNAUD ADDED, THAT EVEN AFTER SEVERAL YEARS OF BAD RELATIONS BETWEEN MOSCOW AND CAIRO THE EGYPTIAN ARMY IS STILL PRIMARILY SOVIET EQUIPPED AND THERE ARE STILL SOME SOVIET ADVISORS PRESENT.

5. SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS INTERJECTED THAT ACCORDING TO HIS INFORMATION ISRAEL WAS PREPARED TO WITHDRAW FROM THE SINAI COMPLETELY WITHOUT FURTHER PRECONDITIONS, EVEN THOUGH THERE WERE TWO IMPORTANT AIR BASES IN THE REMAIN-

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ING AREA TO BE VACATED.

6. WIECK (FRG) SAID THAT BONN SUPPORTS MUBARAK AS WELL AS THE CONTINUATION OF THE PEACE PROCESS. WIECK ADDED THAT FRG BILATERAL ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT WAS SECOND ONLY TO FRG AID TO INDIA. THE FRG ALSO SUPPORTS THE EC PARTICIPATION IN THE MULTILATERAL FORCE AND OBSERVERS (MFO). IN THIS MANNER THE FRG HOPED TO SUPPORT MUBARAK, AS WELL AS US EFFORTS.

7. TURNING TO PRINCE FAHD'S VISIT TO BONN OCTOBER 28, WIECK SAID THAT THE GERMAN-SAUDI EXCHANGES HAD BEEN VERY FRIENDLY AND HAD TAKEN PLACE BEFORE U.S. SENATE VOTE
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ON AWACS. ACCORDING TO WIECK, THE SAUDIS HAVE CONFIDENCE THAT MUBARAK WILL BE ABLE TO HANDLE THE VERY DIFFICULT SITUATION CONFRONTING HIM; BUT THEY ARE VISIBLY APPREHENSIVE OVER THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE ROOTS OF INSTABILITY IN EGYPT MAY BE DEEPER THAN THEY NOW APPEAR. THEREFORE, THE SAUDIS BELIEVE THAT THE WEST SHOULD DO ALL IT CAN TO HELP EGYPT.

8. ALTHOUGH FAHD DID NOT INDICATE WHAT THE SAUDIS WOULD DO TO HELP THE PROCESS OF RECONCILIATION, HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE IN BONN THAT EGYPT WOULD SEEK TO MEND ITS FENCES WITH OTHER ARAB STATES AFTER THE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM SINAI. FAHD, WIECK CONTINUED, SAID THAT THE U.S. AND EUROPE SHOULD PRESS ISRAEL TO MAKE MUBARAK'S JOB AS EASY AS POSSIBLE. THE SAUDIS ALSO BELIEVE THAT ANY CHANGE OF SYSTEM IN EGYPT COULD ONLY BE FOR THE WORSE -- EITHER IF IT INVOLVED A PRO-SOVIET REGIME OR, EVEN WORSE, A KHOMENI TYPE REGIME. COMMENT: AFTER THE NAC, FRG DCM STRESSED TO POLAD IMPORTANCE BONN ATTACHES TO FAHD'S REMARKS CONCERNING EGYPT.

9. FAHD WAS ALSO VERY INTERESTED IN SCHMIDT'S VIEWS ON THE EAST-WEST MILITARY BALANCE. ACCORDING TO WIECK, SCHMIDT POINTED OUT TO FAHD THAT SOVIET SS-20s CAN REACH SAUDI ARABIA AS WELL AS WESTERN EUROPE. THE SAUDIS, SCHMIDT REPORTEDLY ADDED, WOULD BE WITHIN THEIR RIGHTS IN APPLYING AT LEAST PSYCHOLOGICAL PRESSURE ON THE SOVIETS.

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10. TURNING BRIEFLY TO IRAN, WIECK MENTIONED RECENT VISIT OF IRANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER TO BONN ON OCTOBER 8. ACCORDING TO WIECK, FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER TOLD THE IRANIAN THAT, WHILE THE FRG ACCEPTS THAT EACH PEOPLE IS
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FREE TO CHOOSE ITS POLITICAL SYSTEM, BONN WAS CONCERNED FOR THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN IRAN. WIECK ADDED THAT BONN HAD DECIDED TO RECEIVE THE IRANIAN IN ORDER TO KEEP SOME LINKS WITH THE WEST INTACT.

11. TORNETTA (ITALY) SAID ITALY VIEWED ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM THE SINAI AS A VERY IMPORTANT STAGE IN THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS THAT SHOULD LEAD TO A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT. IN EFFECT, ITALY CONSIDERS THE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL AS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PART OF UN RESOLUTION 242.

12. TURNING TO THE MFO, TORNETTA SAID THAT ITALY CONSIDERED ITS ROLE AS ANALOGOUS TO THAT PLAYED BY UN FORCES IN SIMILAR SITUATIONS. LINKING ITALIAN SUPPORT FOR MFO WITH ITALIAN DESIRE TO SUPPORT MUBARAK, THE EC VENICE DECLARATION, AND EFFORTS THAT MAY ULTIMATELY LEAD TO A SOLUTION OF THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM, TORNETTA SAID HIS GOVERNMENT WAS SYMPATHETICALLY EXAMINING ITALIAN CONTRIBUTION TO THE MFO IN CONCERT WITH ITS EC PARTNERS. IN THIS CONNECTION, ITALY BELIEVES THAT THE RECENT PROPOSALS BY PRINCE FAHD ARE A POTENTIALLY IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE PEACE PROCESS.

13. AS REGARDS LIBYA, TORNETTA SAID THAT ITALY SHARED THE CONCERNS OF THE EXPERTS AS WELL AS THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE AD HOC GROUP ON THE MEDITERRANEAN (SEPTEL) CONCERNING THE THREAT POSED BY QADDAFI TO WESTERN INTERESTS IN THE AREA. ITALY HAD MADE CLEAR TO QADDAFI THAT SOME OF HIS RECENT ACTIONS IN AFRICA WERE UNACCEPTABLE, PARTICULARLY QADDAFI'S RECENT THREAT TO ALLIED BASES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN. HOWEVER, TORNETTA

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ADDED, IT IS NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN A DIALOGUE WITH TRIPOLI TO AVOID THE DANGER OF ISOLATING QADDAFI AND FORCING HIM IN THE DIRECTION OF MOSCOW. IT IS IMPORTANT, TORNETTA CONTINUED, TO PROTECT THE WEST'S ECONOMIC TIES WITH LIBYA, IN SPITE OF THE RECENT PROBLEMS WITH TRIPOLI.

14. ROSE (UK) ALSO FOCUSED HIS REMARKS ON THE IMPLICATIONS OF SADAT'S DEATH. THE VIEW FROM LONDON IS THAT MUBARAK WILL CONTINUE TO ADHERE TO THE LETTER OF THE TREATY WITH ISRAEL, AT LEAST UNTIL THE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM THE SINAI IS COMPLETED. AN INTERNAL UPHEAVAL, OF COURSE, COULD CHANGE THIS SCENARIO; SUCH
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A DEVELOPMENT WOULD IN EFFECT DESTROY THE PEACE PROCESS SUCH AS IT IS. THE UK, THEREFORE, IS CONSIDERING A ROLE IN THE MFO IN THE CONTEXT OF THE EC. SUCH A BRITISH

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ROLE, ROSE CONTINUED, WOULD NOT AFFECT THE COMMITMENT OF HMG TO THE EC MIDDLE EAST INITIATIVE. AS THE PROSPECTS FOR THE AUTONOMY TALKS FADE, THE UK ATTACHES ESPECIAL IMPORTANCE TO THE CONTRIBUTION TO PEACE EFFORTS BY THE TEN WHO WILL CONTINUE TO WORK FOR A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT. IN THIS CONNECTION, ROSE CONCLUDED, THE UK FINDS PRINCE FAHD'S EIGHT POINTS TO BE INTERESTING.

15. TURNING TO IRAN, ROSE SAID THAT THERE THE WEST HAD VERY FEW OPTIONS FOR DEALING WITH THE KHOMENI REGIME. ROSE PRAISED THE EXPERTS' SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT ON IRAN AND SUGGESTED THAT POLADS CONTINUE TO MONITOR DEVELOPMENTS IN IRAN. ROSE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT THE EXPERTS' REPORT ON IRAN SHOULD BE UPDATED AT FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE EXPERTS.

16. VIBE (NORWAY) TOOK SPECIAL PRIDE OVER FACT THAT THE MFO WOULD BE HEADED BY A NORWEGIAN GENERAL. VIBE THUS WELCOMED THE PROSPECT THAT SEVERAL EC MEMBERS WOULD BE CONTRIBUTING TO THE FORCE. THE NORWEGIANS BELIEVE THAT, THE BROADER THE COMPOSITION OF THE FORCE, THE BETTER IT WILL BE ABLE TO CARRY OUT ITS MISSION.

17. TURNING TO THE PEACE PROCESS, VIBE SAID THAT THE CAMP DAVID PROCESS HAD ACCOMPLISHED A GREAT DEAL BUT THAT FURTHER MOVEMENT MAY REQUIRE A BROADER BASE OF PARTICIPANTS; THE EC INITIATIVE IS IMPORTANT IN THIS CONNECTION, AND DUE REGARD SHOULD ALSO BE GIVEN TO PRINCE FAHD'S EIGHT POINTS. AS REGARDS LEBANON, VIBE PRAISED THE SKILL WITH WHICH U.S. DIPLOMACY HAD SUCCEEDED IN
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BRINGING ABOUT A CEASE FIRE. THE SITUATION IN LEBANON, VIBE ADDED, IS OBVIOUSLY INTIMATELY CONNECTED WITH THE PEACE PROCESS; TO SUSTAIN THE CEASEFIRE, UNIFIL SHOULD BE FULLY SUPPORTED.

18. VILLAS-BOAS (PORTUGAL) PRAISED THE EXPERTS' REPORT TREATMENT OF THE WESTERN SAHARA, WHICH HE CONSIDERS OF DIRECT SECURITY IMPORTANCE FOR THE SOUTHERN FLANK OF NATO. THE RECENT POLISARIO ATTACK ON MOROCCAN FORCES FEATURED A QUANTITY AND QUALITY OF EQUIPMENT THAT WAS UNUSUAL. THE MOROCCANS, VILLAS-BOAS CONTINUED, ARE VERY WORRIED BY RECENT MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS BUT ARE PREPARED TO RESIST.

19. HALSTEAD (CANADA) AGREED WITH VILLAS-BOAS THAT EVENTS

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IN NORTH AFRICA CARRIED IMPORTANT IMPLICATIONS FOR THE ALLIANCE. TURNING TO EGYPT, HALSTEAD REPORTED A CONVERSATION THAT CANADIAN AMBASSADOR IN CAIRO HAD WITH PRESIDENT MUBARAK ON OCTOBER 18. REPORTEDLY, MUBARAK TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT HE WAS DETERMINED TO FOLLOW THE POLICIES OF ANWAR SADAT AND THAT HE WAS EQUALLY DETERMINED TO SUCCEED. MUBARAK ALSO SAID THAT, AFTER THE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM THE SINAI, HE HOPED TO HELP OTHER ARABS TO COME TO PEACE WITH ISRAEL, AS WELL AS PROCEED WITH THE PALESTINIAN AUTONOMY TALKS.

20. DRAWING FULLY FROM REFTEL, BENNETT PRAISED EXPERTS' REPORT AND STRESSED U.S. VIEW THAT PRESIDENT MUBARAK WAS FIRMLY IN CHARGE AND CONTINUING WITH SADAT'S POLICIES. IN THIS CONNECTION, BENNETT ADDED THAT MUBARAK IS COMMITTED TO THE CAMP DAVID PROCESS, THAT WE WERE GRATIFIED THAT PLANS FOR THE MFO WERE IN FINAL STAGES.

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AND THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO RECALL THAT THE CURRENT PEACE PROCESS IS THE ONLY NEGOTIATING FORUM TO WHICH ISRAEL AND AN ARAB STATE HAVE COMMITTED THEMSELVES. FINALLY, BENNETT EMPHASIZED NEED FOR NATO ALLIES TO TERMINATE OR CURTAIL SALE OF ARMS OR MILITARY TRAINING TO LIBYA. HE ALSO NOTED THAT WE FOUND PRINCE FAHD'S EIGHT POINTS TO BE OF INTEREST; HOWEVER, SAUDI PROPOSALS CONTAIN ELEMENTS THAT WILL REQUIRE LONG NEGOTIATIONS AND THAT A FORUM TO WHICH THE OPPOSING PARTIES ARE COMMITTED IS NECESSARY.

21. VAN VOORST TOT VOORST (THE NETHERLANDS) AGREED WITH PREVIOUS STATEMENTS CONCERNING THE PRESENT DIRECTION
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AND PROSPECTS OF THE NEW EGYPTIAN LEADERSHIP. IT WAS CLEAR, HE SAID, THAT MUBARAK WOULD CONTINUE TO ADHERE TO THE CAMP DAVID PROCESS. AS REGARDS THE MFO, VAN VOORST SAID DUTCH PARTICIPATION WAS CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW IN THE HAGUE. THE HAGUE, VAN VOORST CONTINUED, BELIEVES THAT PRINCE FAHD'S EIGHT POINTS MERIT ATTENTION. FROM A TACTICAL POINT OF VIEW, HOWEVER, IT MAY BE BEST FOR THE WEST TO AVOID TOO MUCH OF A PUBLIC EMBRACE OF THE SAUDI PROPOSALS; IT WOULD BE BETTER TO SEE HOW THE SAUDIS FARE AT THE ARAB SUMMIT IN NOVEMBER.

22. SVART (DENMARK) STATED THAT, AFTER THE ISRAELIS HAVE WITHDRAWN FROM THE SINAI, THERE IS VERY LIKELY TO BE SOME RAPPROCHMENT BETWEEN EGYPT AND SOME OF THE ARAB STATES, I.E., SAUDI ARABIA AND JORDAN, AND THAT THIS RAPPROCHMENT WAS ESSENTIAL FOR FURTHER PROGRESS TOWARDS A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT. IN SHORT, SVART CONTINUED, ARAB UNITY IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE NEXT PHASE IN THE PEACE PROCESS. FINALLY, SVART SAID DENMARK WELCOMED ONGOING EC EFFORTS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE MFO.

23. VAN USSEL (BELGIUM) SAID HIS GOVERNMENT COULD AGREE WITH VIEWS IN THE COUNCIL CONCERNING EGYPT AND PRAISED THE QUALITY OF THE EXPERTS' REPORT. TURNING TO THE RECENT U.S. SENATE VOTE ON AWACS FOR SAUDI ARABIA, VAN USSEL WELCOMED THIS DEVELOPMENT AND DESCRIBED IT AS VERY IMPORTANT FOR THE PEACE PROCESS; PRESIDENT REAGAN'S SUCCESS WOULD LESSEN THE INFLUENCE OF THOSE IN THE REGION

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WHO ARE OPPOSED TO THE CAMP DAVID PROCESS. FINALLY,
VAN USSEL REPORTED THAT THE SYRIAN AMBASSADOR TO BELGIUM
HAD COMPLAINED TO MFA IN A BARELY DIPLOMATIC WAY ABOUT
EC ROLE IN THE MFO. VAN USSEL IMPLIED THAT SYRIAN HAD
BEEN TREATED COOLY. BENNETT

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1. SUMMARY: THE MOURNING PERIOD HONORING FORMER PRESIDENT SADAT ENDED ON NOV 14 -- AS DICTATED BY EGYPTIAN CUSTOM, FORTY DAYS SINCE THE OCT 6 ASSASSINATION. A PUBLIC TRIBUTE BY MUBARAK, VISITS TO THE GRAVE SITE, AND CONDOLENCES FOR THE SADAT FAMILY WERE THE MAIN ACTIVITIES OF THE DAY. NIGHT CLUBS ALSO REOPENED, AND THE MOST POPULAR SERIAL ON TV -- "DALLAS" -- RETURNS TO THE AIR TONIGHT. END SUMMARY.
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2. EGYPT PAID FINAL HOMAGE TO ANWAR SADAT ON NOV 14, MARKING THE END OF THE OFFICIAL (AND CUSTOMARY) FORTY DAY MOURNING PERIOD FOR THE FORMER EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT.

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HOWEVER, FOR MOST EGYPTIANS, THE DAY WAS MUCH LIKE ANY OTHER. TRAFFIC WAS WORSE DUE TO TIGHT SECURITY, AND NIGHT CLUBS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES WHICH HAD BEEN CLOSED OR POSTPONED OUT OF RESPECT FOR SADAT RESUMED IN THE EVENING. FOR MANY PEOPLE, THE MOST SIGNIFICANT RESULT OF THE END OF THE MOURNING PERIOD WAS CAPTURED IN A FRONT-PAGE ARTICLE IN THE NOV 15 ISSUE OF "GUMHURIYYA" WHICH ANNOUNCED THAT THE MOST POPULAR TV SERIAL IN THE COUNTRY-- "DALLAS" -- WOULD RETURN TO THE AIR WAVES TONIGHT.

3. DESPITE THE LIMITED PUBLIC REACTION, FAMILIES OF THE VICTIMS OF THE OCT 6 VIOLENCE AND THE GOE ITSELF WENT THROUGH THE CUSTOMS AND RITUALS DEMANDED BY THE END OF THE FORTY DAY MOURNING PERIOD. A HUGE "SIRADAQ" OR MOURNING TENT WAS SET UP IN FRONT OF THE FORMER PRESIDENTIAL RESIDENCE IN GIZA (WHICH HAS BEEN GIVEN TO JIHAN SADAT FOR HER USE FOR THE REST OF HER LIFE) WHERE HUNDREDS OF FRIENDS AND ASSOCIATES WENT TO PAY THEIR RESPECTS TO THE SADAT FAMILY, INCLUDING PRESIDENT AND MRS. MUBARAK AND THE AMBASSADOR. MRS. JA'AFAR NUMAYRI ALSO VISITED MRS. SADAT BRIEFLY TO PAY HER CONDOLENCES (SHE AND HER HUSBAND WERE IN CAIRO ON A SHORT STOPOVER EN ROUTE TO WASHINGTON.).

4. AS IS ALSO THE EGYPTIAN CUSTOM, MRS. SADAT -- ACCOMPANIED BY THE SHAH OF IRAN -- VISITED SADAT'S GRAVE SITE WHERE THEY RECITED THE OPENING VERSES OF THE QUR'AN (EMPRESS FARAH WENT EARLIER). VISITS TO THE GRAVE WERE ALSO MADE BY PRESIDENTS MUBARAK AND NUMAYRI AND, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LATER, BY DEFENSE MINISTER ABU GHAZALA AND HIGH-RANKING MILITARY OFFICERS. MEMORIAL CEREMONIES WERE ALSO HELD IN A NUMBER OF OTHER GOVERNORATES. A SPECIAL MASS AND MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR BISHOP SAMUEL -- A PROMINENT COPTIC PRELATE SLAIN ALONG WITH SADAT -- WILL BE HELD IN THE MAIN COPTIC CATHEDRAL TOMORROW (NOV 16).

5. THE HIGH POINT OF THE DAY'S ACTIVITIES WAS A THIRTY-FIVE MINUTE SPEECH DELIVERED BY PRESIDENT MUBARAK SATURDAY MORNING AT THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY HEADQUARTERS. THE SPEECH WAS ATTENDED BY MOST OF THE PROMINENT POLITICAL PERSONALITIES IN EGYPT. THE SADAT FAMILY WAS REPRESENTED BY THE LATE PRESIDENT'S SON, JAMAL, AND BY HIS THREE SONS-IN-LAW. CLOSE ASSOCIATES ALSO ATTENDED, SUCH AS FORMER PRIMIN MUSTAFA KHALIL AND THE CONTROVER-

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SIAL BUSINESSMAN AND CLOSE SADAT FRIEND, 'UTHMAN AHMAD 'UTHMAN (AKA OSMAN).

6. MUBARAK'S ADDRESS WAS LARGELY A EULOGY TO SADAT'S EXTRAORDINARY CHARACTER AND ACHIEVEMENTS. MUBARAK INDICATED THAT WORDS WERE NOT SUFFICIENT TO PAY HOMAGE TO SADAT, AND HE SAID: "OUR TRUE TRIBUTE...IS WORK, WORK, WORK." REITERATING A THEME HE DWELLED ON IN HIS NOV 8 SPEECH TO THE PEOPLES ASSEMBLY (CAIRO 26596), MUBARAK NOTED THAT EGYPT "...BELONGS TO ALL OF ITS SONS" AND NOT TO A "DISTINGUISHED MINORITY" OR "SELECT ELITE". HE EMPHASIZED HIS COMMITMENT TO PEACE AND NOTED THAT "CONSTRUCTION FOR THE SAKE OF FURTHER DEMOCRACY AND FOR ACHIEVING PROSPERITY IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL THE CITIZENS TO WHOM EGYPT HAS BEEN BOUNTIFUL." (FULL TEXT OF MUBARAK'S SPEECH IN FBIS NC141230.)

7. NOT SURPRISINGLY, SECURITY WAS VERY TIGHT THROUGHOUT CAIRO ON NOV 14. TRAFFIC WAS ALMOST HOPELESSLY SNARLED FOR MUCH OF THE DAY ON BOTH SIDES OF THE NILE, AS POLICE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CLOSED OFF MANY ROADS TO SECURE THE MOTORCADE ROUTINGS

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FOR MUBARAK, NUMAYRI, MRS. SADAT, AND OTHER DIGNITARIES
AS THEY MADE THEIR WAY TO VARIOUS POINTS IN THE CAPITAL.
(NEAR MRS. SADAT'S GIZA RESIDENCE, SECURITY POLICE WERE
EVEN STATIONED ON THE TOPS OF 15-STORY HIGH-RISES TO
HELP INSURE THERE WERE NO SNIPERS PRESENT.)

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8. IN GENERAL, HOWEVER, THE SECURITY SITUATION SEEMS VERY CALM WITH NO REPORTS OF ANY NEW INCIDENTS FOR THE PAST SEVERAL DAYS. SECURITY HAS BEEN RELAXED AT MANY GOVERNMENT INSTALLATIONS AND POLICE STATIONS, ALTHOUGH THERE ARE STILL SOME MOBILE ROADBLOCKS AT NIGHT. THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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TRIAL OF THE ALLEGED RING-LEADERS OF THE ASSASSINATION SCHEME AND APPARENTLY RELATED ASYUT VIOLENCE (SOME 24 PERSONS) IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN ON NOV 21. AT LEAST THE FIRST SESSION OF THE TRIAL IS EXPECTED TO BE "OPEN".

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1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF EMBASSY CAIRO'S SUBMISSION FOR A STATE MAGAZINE STORY ON THE DEATH OF PRESIDENT SADAT AND ITS IMPACT ON THE EMBASSY AND ITS PERSONNEL. THE STORY WAS DRAFTED BY DCM PRECHT WITH INPUTS FROM THE AMBASSADOR, POLITICAL/MILITARY OFFICER DOUGLAS KEENE AND PAO VICTOR OLASON. WE HAVE NO USEFUL PHOTOS TO SUBMIT BUT SUGGEST THAT PICTURES OF THE ASSASSINATION SCENE CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE TELEVISION AND PRINTED MEDIA IN THE STATES. IN ADDITION TO THOSE SOURCES, WHITE HOUSE PHOTOGRAPHER ACCOMPANIED THE DELEGATION TO THE SADAT FUNERAL AND SHOULD HAVE A GOOD SELECTION OF PHOTOS OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE DELEGATION.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

AS WE DRAW NEAR TO THE CHRISTMAS SEASON, AMERICANS EVERYWHERE AND CERTAINLY THOSE OF US IN CAIRO, WILL REFLECT ON THE GREAT LOSS TO THE WORLD OF PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT -- A MAN OF PEACE WHOSE MARK ON HISTORY WILL BE LONG REMEMBERED. THOSE OF US WHO WERE PRIVILEGED TO WORK CLOSELY WITH HIM AND TO DRAW STRENGTH FROM HIS VISION OF PEACE AND A BETTER

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LIFE FOR THE PEOPLE OF HIS COUNTRY AND THE MIDDLE EAST FEEL HIS LOSS MOST KEENLY OF ALL. THE BRUTALITY OF HIS MURDER STANDS IN SHARP CONTRAST TO HIS HUMOR, PERSONAL WARMTH, AND GENEROUS GOOD SPIRIT. HE WAS ONE OF THOSE

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RARE GIANTS ON THE WORLD STAGE OF WHOM IT CAN BE SAID:
HE CHANGED THE COURSE OF HISTORY.

EMBASSY CAIRO WAS WELL REPRESENTED IN THE REVIEWING STAND FOR EGYPT'S MILITARY PARADE ON OCTOBER 6. NOT ONLY WERE MANY OF OUR MILITARY AND CIVILIAN OFFICERS AND THEIR FAMILIES IN ATTENDANCE, BUT WE HAD SEVERAL VISITORS AMONG US AS WELL. THREE OF THEM, MAJOR J. AGENBROAD (USMC), CAPTAIN CHRIS RYAN (USAF), LT. COMMANDER CHARLES LOONEY (USAF), AND A RESIDENT DEFENSE CONTRACTOR, RICHARD MC CLESKEY WERE AMONG THE WOUNDED. THOSE WHO ESCAPED INJURY WERE QUICK TO THINK OF THE WOUNDED. MARGARET CULBERT, WIFE OF CAPTAIN TOM CULBERT, ASSISTANT AIR ATTACHE, WAS MAGNIFICENT IN HER EFFORTS TO AID THOSE WHO HAD BEEN HURT. IT WILL LONG BE DEBATED WHETHER THE SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE EMBASSY AND SEVERAL DISTINGUISHED VISITORS WHO WERE PRESENT -- AMBASSADOR ATHERTON, OFFICE OF MILITARY COOPERATION CHIEF BRIGADIER GENERAL EDWARD TIXIER, DEFENSE ATTACHE CAPTAIN (USN) DAVID SPERLING, DEPUTY USCINCEUR GENERAL WILLIAM Y. SMITH, RAPID DEPLOYMENT JOINT TASK FORCE COMMANDER LT. GENERAL ROBERT KINGSTON, AND SOME MEMBERS OF THEIR STAFFS AND FAMILIES -- ESCAPED INJURY BECAUSE OF DIVINE INTERVENTION OR BECAUSE THEY WERE OF A GENERATION WHICH HAD LEARNED INSTINCTIVELY TO HIT THE DECK AT THE FIRST BURST OF GUNFIRE.

WE DEVOTE A LOT OF TIME OVERSEAS TO EMPHASIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF UNITY OF RANKS AND COHESION OF PURPOSE WITHIN
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OUR LARGE MISSIONS. WE CAN ALL BE PROUD OF THE WAY OUR EMBASSY PERFORMED DURING THE DAY AND EVENING FOLLOWING THE TERRORIST ATTACK ON PRESIDENT SADAT AND IN THE DAYS AFTERWARDS AS WE PREPARED TO RECEIVE THE UNPRECEDENTED HIGH-LEVEL DELEGATION THAT ATTENDED THE FUNERAL SERVICES. FOLLOWING THE ASSASSINATION, WE SAW THE FINEST POSSIBLE EXPRESSION OF THAT UNITY AND COHESION. WITHIN MINUTES, WELL BEFORE THE AMBASSADOR RETURNED TO THE EMBASSY FROM THE PARADE GROUNDS, DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION HENRY PRECHT --HAVING SEEN THE TELECAST OF THE PARADE SUDDENLY INTERRUPTED AND ASSUMING SOMETHING SERIOUS MAY HAVE HAPPENED-- HAD OPENED A LINE TO THE DEPARTMENT'S OPERATION CENTER AND BEGAN ASSEMBLING A TASK FORCE OF SENIOR OFFICERS. DURING THE FOLLOWING DAYS, HE SERVED ROUND-THE-CLOCK AS CHIEF OF STAFF, WITH ECONOMIC COUNSELOR DAVE DUNFORD ACTING AS

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HIS DEPUTY. ECONOMIC OFFICER MARY VIRGINIA KENNEDY AND THE AMBASSADOR'S ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT AND SECRETARY, HELEN KAMER, WERE SHOPPING IN THE KHAN AL-KHALILI BAZAAR WHEN THEY SAW A STREET CORNER TELEVISION GO DEAD. THEY ALSO ASSUMED THE WORST AND IMMEDIATELY RETURNED TO THE EMBASSY.

WITHIN A COUPLE OF HOURS OF THE ATTACK, DR. MICHAEL DUNN FROM NAMRU-3, THE NAVAL MEDICAL RESEARCH CENTER ACROSS THE CITY FROM THE EMBASSY, HAD VOLUNTEERED HIS SERVICES AND WAS MOVING BETWEEN HOSPITALS ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE AND CARE FOR THE WOUNDED, INCLUDING TWO DIPLOMATIC CORPS COLLEAGUES IN ADDITION TO OUR OWN PEOPLE. HE WAS JOINED IN THIS TASK BY BRIGADIER GENERAL EDWARD TIXIER, DR. FRANK PETTINGA, OUR REGIONAL MEDICAL OFFICER (WHO RETURNED FROM ABROAD AND WENT DIRECTLY TO WORK WITH THE INJURED), AND

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FIRST-TOUR ECONOMIC OFFICER TONY HOLMES, WHOSE ARABIC SKILLS WERE VALUABLE TO US THAT FIRST AFTERNOON. COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR TED ROSEN AND SECURITY OFFICERS JOHN SCHAEFFER AND RON MAZER SET ABOUT IMPLEMENTING OUR WARDEN SYSTEM WHILE USAID OFFICER, RICHARD ROUSSEAU, WAS THE FIRST OFFICER ASSIGNED TO MAN OUR AROUND-THE-CLOCK CONTROL AND INFORMATION CENTER AT THE EMBASSY.

SPACE DOES NOT MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO PAY INDIVIDUAL TRIBUTE TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE EMBASSY STAFF AND THEIR FAMI-

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LIES WHO SPONTANEOUSLY VOLUNTEERED TO STAND BY AT THE EMBASSY COMPOUND CONTROL AND INFORMATION CENTER DURING THE LONG AFTERNOON AND EVENING OF UNCERTAINTY AFTER PRESIDENT SADAT'S ASSASSINATION -- JUST TO BE AVAILABLE WHATEVER MIGHT HAPPEN. SEVERAL EMBASSY FAMILIES WHO WERE OUT OF TOWN, FOR WHAT WAS TO BE THE BEGINNING OF A FOUR-DAY HOLIDAY, RETURNED ON THEIR OWN INITIATIVE TO CAIRO AS SOON AS THEY HEARD OF THE ASSASSINATION. TWO OF OUR BEST ARABIC SPEAKERS, POLITICAL OFFICERS ELEANOR HICKS AND MARK HAMELEY, MONITORED EGYPTIAN RADIO AND TELEVISION FOR HOURS ON END.

IN THE DAYS TO FOLLOW, EGYPTIAN AND AMERICAN EMPLOYEES OF THE EMBASSY PITCHED IN TO HELP WITH ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE AMERICAN DELEGATION TO PRESIDENT SADAT'S FUNERAL. WE DREW PARTICULARLY ON THE STAFF OF OUR LARGE AID MISSION UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF DON BROWN (WHO WITH MRS. MICHELINE UNCLASSIFIED UNCLASSIFIED

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BROWN DID DOUBLE DUTY AS ESCORTS FOR FORMER PRESIDENT AND MRS. CARTER), AND OUR LARGE JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF COUNSELOR FOR ADMINISTRATION EARL BELLINGER. BUT MANY OTHERS, SUCH AS POLITICAL/ MILITARY OFFICER DOUG KEENE, WERE PRESSED INTO SERVICE TO HELP MANAGE THE COMPLEX OPERATION AT THE EL SALAM HOTEL. EACH OF THE DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION -- SECRETARY AND MRS. HAIG, SECRETARY WEINBERGER, FORMER PRESIDENTS NIXON, FORD AND CARTER (AND MRS. CARTER), FORMER SECRETARY KISSINGER, AMBASSADORS SOL LINOWITZ, JEAN KIRKPATRICK AND LEONORE ANNENBERG, KEY SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN, PLUS MANY ACCOMPANYING SENIOR OFFICIALS -- WAS ASSIGNED A CONTROL OFFICER DRAWN FROM THE VARIOUS ELEMENTS OF THE MISSION. OTHER OFFICERS FROM ALL ELEMENTS OF THE EMBASSY - CIVILIAN AND MILITARY - MANNED OUR THREE CONTROL ROOMS, SERVED AS COURIERS, ASSISTED WITH SECURITY AND THE ENORMOUS ADMINISTRATIVE WORKLOAD. THE ICA STAFF LED BY PAO VIC OLASON EFFICIENTLY ASSISTED THE LARGE NUMBER OF VISITING MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES. MANY SPOUSES WERE ON DUTY, ALTERNATING AROUND THE CLOCK, TO ASSIST THE CONTROL ROOM AT THE EL SALAM HOTEL, WHICH THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT RESERVED FOR THE AMERICAN DELEGATION, ITS SUPPORT STAFF AND ACCOMPANYING PRESS -- A TOTAL OF ABOUT 350 PEOPLE. OTHER EMBASSY PERSONNEL REMAINED AT HOME IN RESERVE, WAITING TO BE CALLED IF NEEDED.

LOOKING BACK ON THE TRAUMA OF THAT DAY OF CELEBRATION WHICH TURNED IN A MOMENT TO ONE OF HORROR AND DISBELIEF,

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WE CAN REJOICE IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT THE COMMUNITY OF AMERICANS WHO SERVE THEIR COUNTRY ABROAD RESPONDED TO CRISIS ONCE AGAIN -- AS THEY HAVE THROUGHOUT OUR HISTORY-- WITH COURAGE, DISCIPLINE AND DEDICATION. EVEN AS WE GRIEVE, WE CAN ALSO REJOICE IN THE LEGACY OF A MAN OF
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VISION, PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT, WHO UNDERSTOOD WHAT THE TIMES DEMANDED OF HIM, WHO INSPIRED HIS PEOPLE TO RISE TO THAT DEMAND, AND WHOSE PEOPLE IN TURN RESPONDED WITH A DIGNITY AND A STRENGTH THAT MAKE US PROUD TO BE THEIR PARTNERS -- AND THE PARTNERS OF THEIR NEW PRESIDENT, HOSNY MUBARAK -- IN THE QUEST FOR A MORE PEACEFUL AND REASONABLE WORLD THAN WE OR THEY HAVE KNOWN. END TEXT.
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1. (S) REFTTEL STATED AMBASSADOR WOULD SEEK EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO VOICE OUR CONCERNS ABOUT LIBYA. INR BRIEFED PAKISTANI ARMY ATTACHE BRIGADIER DURRANI ON SAME SUBJECT - RECENTLY USING FOLLOWING TEXT, WHICH AMBASSADOR-MAY WISH TO DRAW UPON.

2. (U) LIBYA HAS BEEN AN ACTIVE SUPPORTER OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM SINCE AT LEAST 1972. IN 1980 COL. QADHAFI LAUNCHED AN ASSASSINATION CAMPAIGN AGAINST LIBYAN EXILES AND DISSIDENTS RESULTING IN THE MURDER OF AT LEAST 12 PERSONS IN EUROPE AND THE MIDDLE EAST. QADHAFI HAS ALSO TARGETED SEVERAL WORLD LEADERS. MORE RECENTLY, HE HAS -

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PUBLICLY THREATENED THE UNITED STATES WITH RETALIATION FOR THE AUGUST 19 GULF OF SIDRA INCIDENT. QADHAFI'S CURRENT FOCUS IS ON SUBVERSION OF NEIGHBORING NORTH AFRICAN STATES, PARTICULARLY SUDAN. LIBYAN RADIO BROADCASTS FOLLOWING THE

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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT SADAT CALLED ON THE SUDANESE AND EGYPTIAN PEOPLES TO RISE AGAINST THEIR GOVERNMENTS. -NIGER,

MALI AND CHAD HAVE BEEN AMONG HIS OTHER TARGETS.

3. (U) IN ADDITION TO HIS SUPPORT FOR SUBVERSIVE GROUPS IN AFRICA, QADHAFI HAS PROVIDED SUPPORT TO WEST EUROPEAN, MIDDLE EASTERN AND JAPANESE TERRORISTS.

--FUNDING. SOME ESTIMATES INDICATE LIBYA SPENT ANNUALLY HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS IN SUPPORT OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM SINCE THE EARLY 1970S.

--TRAINING. LIBYA OPERATES OVER A DOZEN TRAINING CAMPS IN LIBYA FOR FOREIGNERS, PRIMARILY ARABS AND AFRICANS, BUT INCLUDING MEMBERS OF SUCH WEST EUROPEAN TERRORIST GROUPS AS THE BASQUE FATHERLAND AND LIBERTY ORGANIZATION (ETA), THE PROVISIONAL IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY (PIRA), THE BAADER-MEINHOF/RED ARMY FACTION (RAF) AND PROBABLY THE RED BRIGADES. QADHAFI'S CURRENT CONCENTRATION ON AFRICA HAS LED TO TRAINING AND OTHER SUPPORT TO DISSIDENT GROUPS IN SEVERAL AFRICAN COUNTRIES. QADHAFI, MOREOVER, HAS FORCED OR ENTICED AFRICANS TO JOIN WHAT HE CALLS HIS "ISLAMIC LEGION", ELEMENTS OF WHICH PARTICIPATED IN THE CHADIAN OPERATION. ARAB SUBVERSIVES TARGETED AGAINST EGYPT AND CONSERVATIVE ARAB STATES IN NORTH AFRICA AND THE PERSIAN GULF ARE ALSO TRAINING IN LIBYAN CAMPS.

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(BSO) (FATAH'S TERRORIST ARM WHICH OPERATED IN THE EARLY TO MID-1970S) AND THE JAPANESE RED ARMY (JRA) HAVE - - RECEIVED SAFEHAVEN IN LIBYA AFTER CONDUCTING TERRORIST OPERATIONS.

--PROVISION OF WEAPONS. LIBYA HAS PROVIDED WEAPONS TO A NUMBER OF TERRORIST AND INSURGENT GROUPS. -

--OPERATIONAL ASSISTANCE. THE QADHAFI REGIME HAS USED ITS DIPLOMATIC FACILITIES AS SUPPORT BASES FOR TERRORIST-OPERATIONS AND EMPLOYED ITS INTELLIGENCE SERVICES AS INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST INSTRUMENTS.- LIBYA ALSO PROVIDED FALSE DOCUMENTATION FOR A VARIETY OF TERRORISTS.

4. (U) QADHAFI'S MOST EGREGIOUS FORAY INTO INTERNATIONAL

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TERRORISM DURING THE PAST YEAR WAS HIS ASSASSINATION - CAMPAIGN AGAINST LIBYAN EXILES AND DISSIDENTS IN WESTERN EUROPE AND MIDDLE EAST. LIBYAN HIT SQUADS HAVE RECEIVED ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT FROM LIBYAN PEOPLE'S BUREAUS-IN-SEVERAL WESTERN CAPITALS. AN ATTACK-IN-FEBRUARY AT A ROME AIRPORT WAS DEFINITELY SUPPORTED BY TRIPOLI, AND QADHAFI - IS NOW PLANNING TO MAKE GREATER USE OF NON-LIBYANS IN TERRORIST OPERATIONS AGAINST LIBYAN DISSIDENTS.

5. (U) QADHAFI HAS REAFFIRMED HIS COMMITMENT TO CRUSHING HIS OPPOSITION ABROAD BY ANY MEANS. IN A SPEECH MARCH 2, HE DECLARED: "IT IS THE DUTY OF THE LIBYAN PEOPLE TO CONSTANTLY LIQUIDATE THEIR OPPONENTS...THE PHYSICAL AND FINAL LIQUIDATION OF THE OPPONENTS OF POPULAR AUTHORITY MUST CONTINUE AT HOME AND ABROAD, EVERYWHERE."

6. (U) THE LIBYAN GOVERNMENT ALSO BACKED ATTACKS IN 1979 AGAINST THE US AND FRENCH EMBASSIES IN TRIPOLI. FURTHER-MORE, THERE HAVE BEEN WIDESPREAD RUMORS THAT QADHAFI - ENCOURAGED PLOTS IN THE PAST TO ASSASSINATE ANWAR SADAT AND FORMER FRENCH PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING.

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7. (U) IN THE MIDDLE EAST, QADHAFI SUPPORTS RADICAL PALESTINIAN GROUPS THAT CONTINUE TO ESPOUSE THE USE OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM. DESPITE HIS STATED SUPPORT FOR ARAB UNITY, QADHAFI CONCENTRATES HIS SUPPORT EFFORTS ON THOSE EXTREMIST GROUPS LEAST AMENABLE TO PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION (PLO) DIRECTION. CURRENT-LIBYAN INVOLVEMENT IN LEBANON IN SUPPORT OF PALESTINIAN FACTIONALISM IS EXACERBATING AN ALREADY PRECARIOUS SITUATION.

8. (U) DURING THE 1970s LIBYA PROVIDED TRAINING, ARMS, FUNDING AND ADVICE TO SUCH WEST EUROPEAN GROUPS AS PIRA, ETA, THE RAF AND THE RED BRIGADES. SINCE 1978, QADHAFI APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN REDUCING HIS SUPPORT TO THESE GROUPS BECAUSE OF HIS CONCERN OVER LIBYA'S INCREASING INTERNATIONAL ISOLATION AND APPARENT DISILLUSIONMENT WITH SUPPORTING NON-ARAB AND NON-MUSLIM TERRORIST GROUPS. QADHAFI CHARACTERIZED THE RAF AND THE RED BRIGADES IN HIS MARCH 2 SPEECH AS "CRIMINAL" TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS. THERE IS EVIDENCE, HOWEVER, THAT ETA MEMBERS RECEIVED TRAINING IN LIBYA IN 1979, AND PIRA CONTINUED TO-RECEIVE CASH, BUT PROBABLY NOT ARMS, FROM LIBYA AT LEAST UNTIL - 1978.

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9. (U) LIBYA ALSO HAS PROVIDED FINANCIAL AND SOME MATERIAL AID TO THE MORO NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT-IN THE PHILIPPINES, INDONESIAN MUSLIM EXTREMISTS, AND THE THAI - SEPARATIST PATTANI UNITED LIBERATION ORGANIZATION, ALTHOUGH THE LEVEL OF SUPPORT TO THESE GROUPS APPEARS TO HAVE DECLINED SINCE THE MID-1970S. PRESENT LOWER LEVELS OF SUPPORT TO EUROPEAN AND ASIAN GROUPS PROBABLY REFLECT QADHAFI'S CURRENT CONCENTRATION ON AFRICA. HAIG

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- ASSASSINS BROUGHT TO TRIAL

1. (C) SUMMARY AND COMMENT. UNDER EXTREMELY TIGHT
SECURITY, THE MILITARY TRIAL OF 24 MEN IMPLICATED IN THE
OCT 6 ASSASSINATION OF ANWAR SADAT OPENED IN A
CAIRO SUBURB ON NOV 21. OVER 156 FOREIGN AND EGYPTIAN
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JOURNALISTS COVERED TH FIRST SESSION, AND A TWENTY-
MINUTE FILMED REPORT ON THE DAY'S ACTIVITIES WAS BROADCAST
ON CAIRO TV SATURDAY AFTERNOON. AS WAS THE CASE IN THE
1974 AND 1977/78 TRIALS OF ISLAMIC EXTREMISTS, MANY OF THE

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DEFENDANTS WERE DEFIANT OF THE COURT AND OFTEN JOKED, CHANTED, AND CAJOLED THEIR WARDENS. IN THE EVENT, THE SESSION WAS RELATIVELY SHORT--ONLY 80 MINUTES--AS THE COURT ADJOURNED UNTIL NOVEMBER 30 TO GIVE THE DEFENSE TIME TO STUDY INDIVIDUAL CASE DOSSIERS (WE UNDERSTAND THAT MOST DEFENSE ATTORNEYS DID NOT HAVE ACCESS TO THESE UNTIL SHORTLY BEFORE THE TRIAL BEGAN).

2. (C) THE GOE PROBABLY HOPES TO ACCOMPLISH SEVERAL THINGS WITH THIS TRIAL. FIRST, IT WANTS TO PUNISH THE PERPETRATORS OF THE OCT 6 ASSASSINATION AND DEMONSTRATE THAT SUCH CRIMES WILL NOT GO UNPUNISHED. SECOND, THE GOE HOPES TO PUT THE LIE TO THE MANY RUMORS NOW CIRCULATING ABOUT THE EXTENT OF THE PLOT AGAINST SADAT, ESPECIALLY CONCERNING THE ROLE OF THE MILITARY. THIRD, THE REGIME IS INTENT ON DEMONSTRATING THAT EGYPT, ONCE IN JEOPARDY, IS NOW SAFE--VIA AN EXTENSIVE AND DETAILED PUBLIC EXAMINATION OF WHAT THE CONSPIRATORS PLANNED TO ACCOMPLISH FOLLOWING SADAT'S DEATH (I.E., ESTABLISH AN EGYPTIAN ISLAMIC REPUBLIC), AS WELL AS A REASSURING DISPLAY OF THE GOE'S ABILITY TO FERRET OUT THE GUILTY PARTIES AND BRING THEM TO TRIAL.

3. (C) WE HAVE NO DOUBT THAT GOE WILL ACCOMPLISH THE FIRST OF ITS THREE AIMS. SEVERAL, IF NOT MOST, OF THE DEFENDANTS WILL PROBABLY HANG. SATISFYING THE EGYPTIAN PUBLIC (LET ALONE A SKEPTICAL OUTSIDE WORLD) ON THE SECOND AND THIRD COUNTS IS LIKELY TO PROVE MORE DIFFICULT. GRANTED, THE GOE IS TRYING TO AVOID POSSIBLE CHARGES OF A COVER-UP BY MAKING THE TRIAL MORE OR LESS "PUBLIC" AND CONFIDENTIAL

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OPEN TO THE MEDIA. EVEN SO, TOO MUCH IS UNKNOWN ABOUT THE MILITARY SIDE OF THE INVESTIGATION. MOREOVER, AS IT IS DOUBTFUL THE GOVERNMENT HAS SUCCESSFULLY ROOTED OUT ALL THE CADRES OF THE EXTREMIST ORGANIZATION OR ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED IN THE ASSASSINATION PLOT, IT APPEARS POSSIBLE THAT WE HAVE NOT HEARD OF THE LAST OF THEM. AS WAS THE CASE WITH THE MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD IN THE 1950S-60S AND OF "AL-TAKFIR W'AL-HIJRA" IN THE 1970S, SUCH PERSONS ARE LIKELY TO REMAIN UNDERGROUND, NURSING THEIR GRIEVANCES AND HUSBANDING THEIR RESOURCES UNTIL THEY SEE A CHANCE TO STRIKE ANOTHER BLOW AGAINST THE REGIME. IN ANY EVENT, WE PLAN TO FOLLOW THE TRIAL'S REVELATIONS CLOSELY WITH A VIEW TO (A) PUTTING TOGETHER A COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSIS OF THE CONSPIRACY, AND (B) DETERMINING WHERE REALITY MAY LEAVE OFF AND FABRICATING OR MISINTERPRETATIONS

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BEGIN, IF INDEED THIS IS SUGGESTED BY OTHER INFORMATION
COMING OUR WAY. END SUMMARY AND COMMENT.

4. (LOU) THE SETTING --

THE VENUE FOR THE TRIAL WAS NOT PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED UNTIL
SHORTLY BEFORE IT BEGAN ON THE MORNING OF NOV 21. THE
SITE SELECTED IS A MILITARY CANTONMENT LOCATED IN THE
JABAL AHMAR DISTRICT OF CAIRO (REALLY A SUBURB LOCATED
IN THE DIRECTION OF THE AIRPORT). NOT SURPRISINGLY,
SECURITY PRECAUTIONS WERE VERY TIGHT. THE BUILDING
ITSELF WAS SURROUNDED BY PARATROOPERS IN BATTLE GEAR.
INSIDE THE COURTROOM, THE DEFENDANTS WERE SEATED INSIDE
A LARGE CAGE-LIKE STRUCTURE, DIVIDED INTO FOUR COMPART-
MENTS. (SUCH STRUCTURES ARE THE USUAL PRACTICE IN
EGYPTIAN COURTS.) SECURITY POLICE WERE SEATED INSIDE
THE STRUCTURE TO MAINTAIN ORDER AMONG THE ACCUSED. AT ONE
END OF THE COURTROOM WAS A LARGE, RAISED DESK AT WHICH SAT

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THE THREE MILITARY JUDGES. IN FRONT OF THEM WERE LONG TABLES FOR THE PROSECUTION AND THE DEFENSE. IN THE CENTER OF THE ROOM WERE SEATED THE PRESS CORPS AND 24 RELATIVES, MEN AND WOMEN--SOME WEARING TRADITIONAL ISLAMIC GARMENTS--WHO HAD BEEN ALLOWED TO ATTEND THE SESSION. ("AL-AHRAM" ALLEGED ON NOV 22 THAT ONE OF THE KEY DEFENDANTS, LT. KHALID EL-ISLAMBULI, WAS UPSET THAT NO ONE IN HIS FAMILY CAME TO THE TRIAL; IF THIS WAS THE CASE, IT WAS NOT APPARENT TO MOST PEOPLE ATTENDING THE TRIAL.)

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5. (LOU) DRAMATIS PERSONAE--

(A) THE JUDGES -- THIS IS A MILITARY TRIAL, SINCE THE ASSASSINATION OCCURRED IN A "MILITARY PLACE". ACCORDINGLY, THE THREE JUDGES ARE OFFICERS DRAWN FROM THE MILITARY JUDICIARY DIVISION (EQUIVALENT TO THE JUDGE ADVOCATE'S OFFICE) OF THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE. THE HEAD JUDGE IS NGEN DR. SAMIR MUHAMMAD FADIL 'ATTIYAH, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE MILITARY JUDICIARY. THE OTHER TWO JUDGES ARE MGEN MUSTAFA NASR FADIL AND MGEN ABD AL-AZIZ MUSTAFA AL-SHA'IR, BOTH ASSISTANT DIRECTORS OF THE MILITARY JUDICIARY.

(B) THE PROSECUTION -- THE PROSECUTION WAS REPRESENTED BY THE MILITARY PROSECUTOR GENERAL, MGEN MUKHTAR MUHAMMAD HUSAYN SHA'BAN AND TWO OTHER OFFICERS. THE PROSECUTION'S CASE IS BASED ON THE RESULTS OF SEPARATE MIN INTERIOR AND MINDEF INVESTIGATIONS OF ASPECTS OF THE ASSASSINATION, INCLUDING INDIVIDUAL INTERROGATIONS OF EACH OF THE DEFENDANTS.

(C) THE DEFENSE -- ONLY 14 OF THE 24 DEFENDANTS HAD ACCEPTED LEGAL COUNSEL PRIOR TO THE TRIAL. SOME OF THOSE WHO REFUSED -- INCLUDING THE FOUR SURVIVORS OF THE ATTACK ON SADAT AND MUHAMMAD ABD AL-SALAM FARAJ, ONE OF THE ALLEGED ARCHITECTS OF THE PLANNED "ISLAMIC REPUBLIC" -- DID SO ON THE GROUNDS THAT "GOD IS OUR ONLY DEFENDER". NEVERTHELESS, THE COURT DECIDED TO SUPPLEMENT DIVINE

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EFFORTS BY APPOINTING NINE ATTORNEYS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEFENSE (BRINGING THE TOTAL OF THE DEFENSE TEAM TO 23). ONE OF THE MOST ACTIVE ATTORNEYS IS ABDU MURAD, WHO IS PLADING ON BEHALF OF 'ABBUD AL-ZAMUR. (MURAD WAS ONE OF THE SEVERAL HUNDRED "FREE OFFICERS" WHO

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ORGANIZED EGYPT'S 1952 REVOLUTION. DURING THE 1950'S, HE WAS OFFICE DIRECTOR FOR FIELD MARSHAL ABD AL-HAKIM AMIR, ALTHOUGH HE RESIGNED IN 1958 TO RUN FOR PARLIAMENT.)

(D) THE DEFENDANTS --

ONLY 23 OF THE 24 DEFENDANTS WERE ACTUALLY PRESENT IN THE COURT ROOM. (THE HEALTH OF ONE OF THE PRISONERS, JASIM 'ABD AL-MAJID, DID NOT ENABLE HIM TO ATTEND.) AMONG SOME OF THE MORE IMPORTANT FIGURES ON TRIAL ARE:

--LT. KHALID AL-ISLAMBULI. KHALID'S FATHER WAS A FORMER MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD (MB) ACTIVIST WHO WAS ARRESTED IN 1956. HIS BROTHER IS ALLEGEDLY A MEMBER OF "TAKFIR W'AL-HIJRA" AND WAS ARRESTED IN THE SEPTEMBER CRACKDOWN. ISLAMBULI IS BELIEVED TO BE THE SHADOWY FIGURE SEEN IN MOST DRAMATIC PICTURES OF THE ASSASSINATION PERCHING HIS RIFLE OVER THE RAILING OF THE VIP PODIUM AND PUMPING BULLET AFTER BULLET INTO PERSONS SEEKING COVER ON THE GRANDSTAND FLOOR.

--LT. COL. 'ABBUD AL-ZAMUR. ZAMUR IS PROBABLY THE MOST INTERESTING AND COMPLEX DEFENDANT. HE IS FROM A PROMINENT FAMILY. HIS FATHER, MGEN AHMAD ABBUD AL-ZAMUR, WAS KILLED IN THE 1973 OCTOBER WAR, AND 'ABBUD HIMSELF WAS CONSIDERED A HERO IN THE SAME CONFLICT. ACCORDING TO THE NOV 2 EDITION OF "AL-AHRAR", BOTH FATHER AND SON HAVE STREETS NAMED AFTER THEM IN GIZA IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR SERVICES (A SITUATION THE AUTHORITIES ARE APPARENTLY PLANNING TO RECTIFY). ZAMUR HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED BY THE GOE AS BEING THE PRINCIPAL ACTOR IN THE ASSASSINATION PLOT FOILED IN LATE SEPTEMBER. THE GOE LATER DUBBED HIM AS ONE OF THE LEADERS OF THE OCT 8-12

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VIOLENCE AT ASYUT, IN WHICH SCORES OF PERSONS
(MOSTLY POLICE) WERE KILLED.

--UMAR ABD AL-RAHMAN. ABD AL-RAHMAN HAS BEEN DESCRIBED
AS THE BLIND "GRAND MUFTI" OF THE CONSPIRACY. HE IS
ACCUSED OF HAVING SANCTIONED AND ENCOURAGED SADAT'S
ASSASSINATION ON RELIGIOUS GROUNDS. NEWSMEN ATTENDING
THE TRIAL STATE THAT ABD AL-RAHMAN, WEARING CLERICAL
ROBES, SPENT MOST OF THE SESSION SITTING IN A CORNER

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OF THE DEFENDANT'S CAGE AND QUIETLY CHANTING QUR'ANIC
VERSES TO HIMSELF.

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--MUHAMMAD ABD AL-SALAM FARAJ. LIKE ISLAMBULI, FARAJ'S FATHER WAS ACTIVE IN THE MB AND WAS ARRESTED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS. MINDEF ABU GHAZALA HAS DESCRIBED FARAJ AS A "RINGLEADER" OF THE ASSASSINATION PLOT, AND PRESS REPORTS TEND TO SUPPORT THIS. "AL-AHRAM" ON NOV 19, FOR EXAMPLE, ALLEGED IT WAS FARAJ WHO ON OCT 4 PASSED ISLAMBULI THE GUNS AND GRENADES HE WAS TO USE IN THE ATTACK ON SADAT. ON OCT 6, AGAIN ACCORDING TO "AL-AHRAM", FARAJ WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE LED AN ATTACK ON CAIRO'S RADIO/TV CENTER. BY THE TIME HE ARRIVED, HE FOUND THE INSTALLATION RINGED BY SECURITY FORCES AND ALLEGEDLY SHRANK FROM CARRYING OUT HIS MISSION.

6. (LOU) THE PROCEEDINGS --

(A) THE FIRST COURT SESSION ON NOV 21 LASTED ONLY 80 MINUTES. AS THE DEFENDANTS ENTERED THE COURTROOM, MOST SHOUTED CRIES OF "ALLAHU AKHBAR*" (GOD IS GREAT*). EACH THEN ENTERED THE PENAL CAGE. THE COURT PRESIDENT ('ATTIYAH) CALLED EVERY DEFENDANT BY NAME TO ENSURE EACH ONE WAS IN THE DOCK. THE INDICTMENTS WERE THEN READ OUT, SETTING FORTH THE ALLEGED ROLE OF EACH DEFENDANT IN THE "DELIBERATE AND WILFUL MURDER OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC" AND THE ASSASSINATION OF OTHERS.

(B) THROUGHOUT THE PROCEEDINGS, MANY OF THE DEFENDANTS DISPLAYED OPEN DEFIANCE OF THE COURT. THIS WAS NOT UNEXPECTED--THE SAME SORT OF BEHAVIOR MARKED THE TRIALS OF ISLAMIC EXTREMISTS HERE IN 1974 AND 1977/78. AT ONE
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POINT, AL-ISLAMBULI--HOLDING A QUR'AN IN ONE HAND--ANNOUNCED TO THE COURT "WE ARE WORKING FOR GOD TO RAISE HIS BANNER. WE ARE NOT WORKING FOR A PARTY OR FOR THE COUNTRY. WE ARE WORKING FOR OUR RELIGION WHICH IS A RELIGION OF SACRIFICE." ACCORDING TO THE LOCAL PRESS AND SPECTATORS, MOST OF THE DEFENDANTS REPEATED AL-ISLAMBULI'S WORDS AS HE SPOKE.

(C) COMMENT: THE LOCAL PRESS MAINTAINS THAT ONLY 'ABBUD AL-ZAMUR CHOSE TO REMAIN SILENT AT THIS POINT. NEWSMEN ATTENDING THE TRIAL, HOWEVER, PICTURED AL-ZAMUR AS CONSIDERABLY MORE ACTIVE: DRESSED IN HIS OFFICER'S UNIFORM, SOME REPORTERS STATED THAT ZAMUR HELPED LEAD THE JOKING, THE CAJOLING AND THE DEFIANCE WHICH CHARACTERIZED MUCH OF THE DEFENDANTS' BEHAVIOR. END COMMENT.

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(D) AFTER THE DEFENDANTS WERE ACCOUNTED FOR, THE COURT PRESIDENT CALLED ON THE WITNESSES TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES AND CONFIRM THAT THEY WERE PRESENT. NEXT, THE MEMBERS OF THE PANEL OF DEFENSE ATTORNEYS ADDRESSED THE COURT, MANY OF THEM DENOUNCING THE SHEDDING OF BLOOD AND THE ASSASSINATION INCIDENT. THEY THEN REQUESTED SUFFICIENT TIME TO STUDY THE DOSSIERS OF THEIR CLIENTS. (WE UNDERSTAND THESE DOSSIERS ARE HUNDREDS OF PAGES IN LENGTH AND THAT MOST OF THE DEFENSE LAWYERS DID NOT HAVE ACCESS TO THEM UNTIL SHORTLY BEFORE THE TRIAL BEGAN.)

(E) FOLLOWING A SHORT RECESS, THE COURT REASSEMBLED AND THE PRESIDENT READ SEVERAL DECISIONS: FIRST, NINE LAWYERS WERE APPOINTED TO DEFEND, AS A GROUP, THE TEN DEFENDANTS WHO HAD REFUSED LEGAL COUNSEL; SECOND, THE AILING DEFENDANT (JASIM 'ABD AL-MAJID) WAS ORDERED TRANSFERRED TO THE PRISON HOSPITAL. ANOTHER PRISONER

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THIRD, THE COURT ORDERED THE MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF THREE
DEFENDANTS TO PROVE OR DISPROVE THEIR ALLEGA-
TIONS THAT TORTURE WAS USED BY THE AUTHORITIES; FOURTH,
THE COURT ORDERED THE CONTINUED IMPRISONMENT OF THE
DEFENDANTS AS "A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE"; AND FIFTH, THE
NEXT SESSION OF THE TRIAL WAS POSTPONED TO NOV 30 TO
GIVE DEFENSE COUNSELS ADEQUATE TIME TO STUDY THEIR CASES.

(F) REGARDING THE TORTURE ALLEGATIONS, SEVERAL DEFENDANTS
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(INCLUDING FARAJ) ALLEGED THEY HAD BEEN MISTREATED. (THE
THREE MENTIONED IN PARA 4 (E) ATTEMPTED TO DISPLAY THEIR
WOUNDS TO COURTROOM SPECTATORS AS PROOF OF THEIR TORTURE.)
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